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1 **[The Board of Supervisors did not meet in**
2 **Closed Session Tuesday, September 23, 2008]**

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE INVOCATION WILL BE BY PASTOR CHRIS
7 JOHNSON, AND HE HAS SERVED AS THE SENIOR PASTOR OF GRACE
8 CHAPEL.

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10 **PASTOR CHRIS JOHNSON:** THANK YOU. LET'S PRAY TOGETHER. HEAVENLY
11 FATHER, WE COME TODAY AND RECOGNIZE THAT YOU ARE A GREAT GOD
12 AND A GOOD GOD, MIGHTY IN POWER AND ABOUNDING IN LOVE. AND WE
13 ASK FOR YOUR BLESSING ON THIS MEETING THIS MORNING. BLESS OUR
14 SUPERVISORS. WE THANK YOU FOR THEIR SERVICE. FATHER, WE GATHER
15 TODAY IN THIS COUNTY, WE REMEMBER THE VICTIMS OF THE METROLINK
16 TRAGEDY, AND WE PRAY FOR THEIR FAMILIES. WE WOULD ASK, GOD,
17 THAT WHERE THERE HAS BEEN HURT, THAT YOU WOULD BRING HEALING.
18 WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR DEPENDENCE UPON YOU. FATHER, IN A TIME OF
19 DROUGHT, WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD SEND RAIN AND I ALSO PRAY THAT
20 YOU WOULD SEND WISDOM, THAT IT WOULD FALL ON THIS PLACE AND ON
21 OUR LEADERS. WE PRAY FOR OUR GOVERNMENT AND OUR ELECTED
22 OFFICIALS, AMEN.

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24 **PLEDGE VETERAN:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG AND FOLLOW ME IN THE
25 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]



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SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS AWAY TODAY. I GET THE PLEASURE OF PRESENTING YOU WITH THIS CERTIFICATE. PASTOR CHRIS JOHNSON HAS SERVED AS SENIOR PASTOR OF GRACE CHAPEL SINCE DECEMBER 1999. HE'S A GRADUATE OF THE MASTERS' COLLEGE AND GRAND RAPIDS BAPTIST SEMINARY. HE HAS SERVED AS A PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR AT DESERT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOR NINE YEARS, SIX OF THOSE YEARS AS A HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL. PASTOR JOHNSON IS ACTIVE IN SUCH MINISTRIES AS GRACE RESOURCES, ANTELOPE VALLEY CHRISTIAN MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT. HE'S MARRIED AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN RANGING FROM 8 TO 17. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

13

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 1 THROUGH 13. ON ITEM NUMBER 5, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO OCTOBER 7TH, 2008.

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SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: WITHOUT OBJECTION, CONTINUED.

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CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ON ITEM NUMBER 7, AT THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16TH, THE BOARD INDICATED ITS INTENT TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO OCTOBER 7TH, 2008.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, CONTINUED TO OCTOBER
2 7TH.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 9, AS INDICATED ON THE
5 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
6 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO OCTOBER 7TH,
7 2008.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 11, AS INDICATED ON THE
12 POSTED AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
13 BE CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO OCTOBER 28TH, 2008.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 11?

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 11.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION. CONTINUED TO
20 OCTOBER 28TH.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 12, AS INDICATED ON THE
23 POSTED AGENDA, THE APPLICANT HAS WITHDRAWN HIS APPEAL, AND
24 THEREFORE THERE IS A REQUEST TO ABANDON THE PROCEEDING.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM 12 IS WITHDRAWN AND
2 ABANDONED.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 13, AS INDICATED ON THE
5 POSTED AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
6 BE CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO JANUARY 27TH, 2009.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING
11 WE WILL HOLD FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. WE'RE ON PAGE 7,
12 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 14 THROUGH
13 25? ON ITEM NUMBER 23, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
14 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
15 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO OCTOBER 7TH, 2008.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HOLD THAT. HOLD 23.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YOU WILL ITEM. 23. ON ITEM NUMBER 24, AS
20 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA--

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOLD THAT, ALSO.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT ITEM, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IS
2 REQUESTING TO HOLD THE ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER BOARD
3 OF SUPERVISORS IS BEFORE YOU.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA;
6 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONSENT CALENDAR, ON PAGE 9, ITEMS 26
9 THROUGH 36. ON ITEM NUMBER 28, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
10 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THAT ITEM.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD 28.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 30, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
15 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THAT ITEM. AND ON ITEM NUMBER 35,
16 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
17 ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 36, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS
18 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO OCTOBER 7TH, 2008.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR
23 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA. SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 13, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION,
5 ITEM 37. I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD AND
6 THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
7 THIS ITEM. THE SHORT TITLE IS THAT THIS IS AN ORDINANCE
8 AMENDING TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE
9 RELATING TO THE ADDITION, DELETION AND/OR CHANGING OF CERTAIN
10 CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS
11 DEPARTMENTS AS A RESULT OF THE BUDGET PROCESS FOR FISCAL YEAR
12 2008-2009, THE DELETION OF AN OBSOLETE BONUS PROVISION IN THE
13 MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND POSTING OF TECHNICAL
14 CORRECTIONS. AGAIN, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
15 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON PAGE 14, DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM 38
16 WE WILL HOLD FOR A DISCUSSION. MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE
17 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
18 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. 39-A.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE. SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
21 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
24 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
25 DISTRICT NUMBER 5.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE SOME PRESENTATIONS I'D LIKE TO CALL

3 UP AND THEN, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU'RE UP FIRST. WE'RE VERY

4 PLEASED TODAY TO BE HONORED BY AN INTRODUCTION OF HIS

5 EXCELLENCE, DR. SALIM AHMED SALIM, SPECIAL ENVOY AND CHIEF

6 MEDIATOR FOR THE INTER-SUDANESE POLITICAL TALKS ON DARFUR FOR

7 THE AFRICAN UNION, A CONFEDERATION OF 53 NATIONS ALL OVER THE

8 AFRICAN CONTINENT. HE'S A FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE

9 ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, THE PRECURSOR OF THE AFRICAN

10 UNION. DR. SALIM ROSE TO THE HIGHEST POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC

11 LEVELS IN HIS HOME OF TANZANIA. HE IS A FORMER PRIME MINISTER,

12 FORMER MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO

13 EGYPT, INDIA, CHINA, CUBA, JAMAICA, TRINIDAD, TOBAGO GUYANA,

14 BARBADOS. HE WAS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED

15 NATIONS. WHILE AT THE UNITED NATIONS, HE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT

16 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND LATER SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE

17 GENERAL ASSEMBLY. INTERNATIONALLY HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF

18 GROUPS AND MISSIONS ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND WAS

19 APPOINTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL TO BE A

20 MEMBER OF THE HIGH LEVEL PANEL ON THREATS, CHALLENGES AND

21 CHANGE FROM 2003 TO 2005. HE ALSO HOLDS NUMEROUS HIGH

22 DECORATIONS AND HONORS FROM COUNTRIES ALL OVER AFRICA,

23 INCLUDING LIBERIA, LIBYA, SUDAN, SENEGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA. HE

24 IS HERE TO DELIVER THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT THE 2008 GLOBAL

25 PEACE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT BEING HOSTED BY THE AFRICAN DIASPORA



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1 FOUNDATION AT U.C.L.A. LATER THIS WEEK. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD
2 OF SUPERVISORS AND THE 10 MILLION PEOPLE, WE WELCOME YOU HERE.
3 IT'S SUCH A GREAT HONOR. AND WE ARE SO PLEASED THAT YOU WOULD
4 JOIN US HERE TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **DR. SALIM AHMED SALIM:** MADAME SUPERVISOR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
7 BOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
8 THIS HONOR AND FOR THIS RECOGNITION. I TAKE IT MORE NOT ONLY
9 AS A PERSONAL HONOR, BUT AS A REFLECTION OF HOW THE PEOPLE OF
10 THE AREA HAVE ATTACHMENT TO PEOPLE OF OUR CONTINENT. I SHOULD
11 SAY ALSO, AS A MATTER OF HISTORICAL FACT, THAT LOS ANGELES,
12 OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, HAS PLAYED A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN
13 SOME OF THE PROBLEMS IN AFRICA, ESPECIALLY DURING THE DAYS AND
14 STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID. THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE UNITED
15 STATES TOWARDS THAT STRUGGLE HAS BEEN VERY IMPORTANT. AND SO I
16 TAKE IT AS A MISSION NOT ONLY TO MYSELF AND THE AFRICAN UNION,
17 BUT ALSO A SYMBOL OF SUPPORT, A SYMBOL OF SOLIDARITY, WITH THE
18 PEOPLE OF OUR CONTINENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO SUPERVISOR
21 MOLINA, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO INVITE MR. AGRIPPA EZOZO
24 FORWARD. MR. EZOZO IS THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN
25 DIASPORA FOUNDATION, A.D.F., A NONPROFIT CORPORATION



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1 ESTABLISHED SEVEN YEARS AGO TO DEVELOP A COALITION OF NATIONAL
2 AND INTERNATIONAL LEADERS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO ADDRESS
3 CRITICAL ISSUES CONCERNING PEACE, NONVIOLENCE AND
4 RECONCILIATION IN AFRICA. THE FOUNDATION'S MISSION IS TO
5 DEVELOP PEACE CENTERS WITH PEACE EDUCATION CURRICULA AND
6 TEACHERS, TO BE BASED IN SELECTED AFRICAN COUNTRIES. OF
7 CENTRAL IMPORTANCE IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PEACE AND PUBLIC
8 POLICY INSTITUTE. THE FOUNDATION HAS CHOSEN U.C.L.A. TO HOST
9 IT. THE U.C.L.A. AFRICAN STUDY CENTER HAS AGREED TO DEVELOP A
10 PEACE STUDIES PROGRAM, WILL SERVE AS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE
11 PEACE CENTER. FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, A.D.F. HAS HOSTED A
12 GLOBAL PEACE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. IN 2007 IT WAS ATTENDED BY
13 THE FORMER PRESIDENTS OF GUYANA AND REPUBLIC OF CAPE VERDE,
14 AS WELL AS THE AFRICAN UNION AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES,
15 THE LIBERIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS,
16 AND THE AMBASSADOR OF RWANDA TO THE UNITED STATES. ON BEHALF
17 OF THE 10.3 MILLION PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE WANT TO
18 CONGRATULATE YOU AND WISH YOU WELL. WE KNOW IT WILL BE A VERY
19 SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE.

20

21 **AGRIPPA EZOZO:** GOOD MORNING. INDEED, THIS IS A BLESSING, NOT
22 FOR ME ALONE, BUT FOR THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN AFRICA AND
23 THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THERE IS NOTHING MORE DEAR TO US THAN
24 PEACE AND FOR LOS ANGELES TO CHAMPION A PEACE CURRICULUM,
25 WHERE CHILDREN CAN BE TAUGHT AND WE CALL IT THE MARTIN LUTHER



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1 KING FELLOWS, TO GO OUT THERE AND TEACH, NOTHING BETTER THAN
2 THAT. SO FOR THIS, I THANK ALL THE SUPERVISORS AND FOR YVONNE,
3 MAY GOD BLESS YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD DR. JONATHAN
6 FIELDING. I BELIEVE I'M NEXT BECAUSE SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS NO
7 PRESENTATIONS. DR. FIELDING IS NOT WITH US TODAY, BUT WE ARE
8 VERY PLEASED THAT WE HAVE THE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM
9 PARTICIPANTS, DR. MICHELLE PARA OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
10 HEALTH IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM. DR. MARLENE M. LUGGS OF THE
11 IMMUNIZATION COALITION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IMMUNIZATIONS
12 ARE SAFE, EFFECTIVE AND THE BEST WAYS TO PROTECT ADULTS AND
13 YOUNG CHILDREN, THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES IN SERIOUS AND
14 SOMETIMES FROM DEADLY VACCINES PREVENTABLE DISEASE. OVER 70
15 PERCENT OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE ADULTS 18 OR OLDER. MANY
16 ARE AT RISK FOR SERIOUS DISEASES SUCH AS INFLUENZA, PNEUMONIA,
17 MEASLES, MUMPS, HEPATITIS A AND B, TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA AND
18 VARICELLA. THESE DISEASES RESULT IN MANY THOUSANDS OF
19 HOSPITALIZATIONS AND MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS INCLUDING HEART
20 FAILURE, PNEUMONIA, LIVER FAILURE, HEARING LOSS AND DEATH
21 EVERY YEAR. INFLUENZA AND PNEUMONIA TOGETHER ARE THE LEADING
22 CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG OLDER ADULTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THERE
23 ARE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE VACCINES AVAILABLE TO PREVENT THESE
24 DISEASES, AND MANY HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE IMMUNIZATIONS TO
25 PROTECT THEM FROM THESE VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES.



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1 FORTUNATELY, THERE IS A COALITION OF CONCERNED PUBLIC HEALTH
2 AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE JOINED TOGETHER TO
3 OBSERVE NATIONAL ADULT IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS WEEK IN AN
4 EFFORT TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE BENEFITS AND SAFETY OF
5 IMMUNIZATIONS. AND IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT
6 THIS SCROLL AND ALL OF THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO SHARE THE
7 GOAL OF ADULT IMMUNIZATION AS WE PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 21ST
8 THROUGH THE 27TH, 2008 AS NATIONAL ADULT IMMUNIZATION
9 AWARENESS WEEK. AND I THINK WE GET OUR IMMUNIZATION SHOTS HERE
10 ON THE BOARD, THE BOARD MEMBER EXCEPT ONE, I BELIEVE, DOESN'T
11 GET HIS FLU SHOT. BUT THE REST OF US GET THEM.

12

13 **DR. MICHELLE PARA:** I JUST WANT TO THANK THE BOARD AND
14 SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR HELPING US REMIND THE ADULTS LIVING IN
15 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ADULT IMMUNIZATIONS
16 BECAUSE ADULTS DON'T TYPICALLY BENEFIT TO THE SAME EXTENT THAT
17 CHILDREN DO FROM THE VACCINES THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE
18 VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES. PNEUMONIA AND THE INVASIVE
19 PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASES ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 36,000 DEATHS A YEAR
20 IN OUR COUNTRY, SO IT'S JUST EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT WE
21 REMIND ADULTS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF SUCH VACCINES. AND TO
22 REMIND ADULTS, PARTICULARLY OVER THE AGE OF 60, TO GET THEIR
23 VACCINES FOR THESE VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES. AND I'M GOING
24 TO HAND IT OVER TO DR. LUGGS FOR SOME COMMENTS.

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1 **DR. MARLENE LUGGS:** THANK YOU. ON BEHALF OF THE IMMUNIZATION
2 COALITION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE
3 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PUBLICIZING NATIONAL ADULT
4 IMMUNIZATION WEEK. WHEN WE THINK OF IMMUNIZATIONS, WE VERY
5 OFTEN THINK OF CHILDREN. BUT OUR ADULT NEEDS FOR IMMUNIZATION
6 REMAINS AS STRONG AS WHEN WE WERE CHILDREN. ADULTS AFFECT THE
7 HEALTH OF OUR FAMILIES AND OUR OWN IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS
8 ARE DETERMINED BY OUR AGE, BY OUR LIFESTYLE, MEDICAL
9 CONDITIONS AND PLACES WE TRAVEL. WE ALL HEAR A LOT ABOUT
10 TETANUS, PNEUMOCOCCAL IMMUNIZATION AFTER 65 AND ANNUAL FLU
11 VACCINES, BUT THERE ARE OTHERS, ALSO. SO THIS IS SOMETHING
12 THAT WE EACH NEED TO CHECK WITH OUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER.
13 TOGETHER WE CAN IMPROVE ADULT IMMUNIZATION RATES TO REDUCE
14 ABSENCES FROM WORK, SCHOOL AND SOCIAL EVENTS. HOW MANY OF US
15 STOP TO THINK ABOUT ABSENCES FROM SOCIAL EVENTS? THEY'RE
16 IMPORTANT TO ADULTS. AND WE CAN ALSO SAVE ON HEALTHCARE COSTS.
17 BUT MOST IMPORTANT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE CAN SAVE LIVES.
18 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

19
20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'D LIKE TO NOW CALL FORWARD MISS BLACK
21 CALIFORNIA U.S.A. JALONDRA DAVIS. IS THAT THE RIGHT
22 PRONUNCIATION? JOLANDRA, ALONG WITH DOZENS OF OTHER WOMEN,
23 WERE RECENTLY IN COMPETITION FOR THE TITLE OF MISS BLACK
24 CALIFORNIA U.S.A. OF THE WOMEN IN THE COMPETITION, SHE WAS
25 RECENTLY CROWNED THE NEWEST BLACK CALIFORNIA U.S.A. SHE'S 24



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1 YEARS OLD. SHE'S A SECOND DISTRICT NATIVE FROM INGLEWOOD.
2 SHE'S AN ASPIRING NOVELIST AS WELL AS A DANCER WHO GRADUATED
3 FROM BOTH U.S.C. AND LOYOLA MARYMONT UNIVERSITIES. SHE WILL
4 SPEND THE NEXT YEAR TRAVELING THE STATE PROMOTING HER PLATFORM
5 OF INFINITE INSPIRATION, STRENGTHENING ACCESS TO ARTS AND
6 CULTURES IN URBAN COMMUNITIES. PLEASE WELCOME MISS JALONDRA
7 DAVIS. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **JALONDRA DAVIS:** HELLO, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS JALONDRA DAVIS,
10 AND I'M THE REIGNING MISS BLACK CALIFORNIA U.S.A. I WILL BE
11 COMPETING IN THE MISS BLACK U.S.A. PAGEANT NEXT YEAR IN 2009.
12 I WILL BE COMPETING IN ORDER TO WIN SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS TO
13 PURSUE MY PH.D. MY PLATFORM IS INFINITE INSPIRATION, PROVIDING
14 ARTS AND CULTURAL EDUCATION TO URBAN COMMUNITIES, AND I THINK
15 ART IS SO IMPORTANT TO INNER CITY YOUTH. I THINK THAT'S THE
16 PRIORITY THAT WE OFTEN NEGLECT. BUT I THINK ART IS THE
17 ULTIMATE EXPRESSION OF OUR HUMANITY. SO LITERATURE, DANCE,
18 MUSIC, ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE SO IMPORTANT TO OUR YOUTH AND
19 SO IMPORTANT TO OUR DEVELOPMENT AS A COMMUNITY AND OUR ABILITY
20 TO EXPRESS OURSELVES. MY PLATFORM ORGANIZATION IS LULA
21 WASHINGTON DANCE THEATER IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. IT IS IN ITS 28
22 YEARS OF EXISTENCE AND IT'S BEEN PROVIDING ARTS AND CULTURAL
23 EDUCATION TO INNER CITY YOUTH AS WELL AS TOURING ARTS AND
24 PRESENTATIONS THAT REFLECT THE BREADTH OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN
25 EXPERIENCE ALL OVER THE WORLD. SO I WILL BE WORKING WITH THIS



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1 ORGANIZATION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO CREATE EXPOSURE FOR THEIR
2 PROGRAMS AND FOR ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE
3 THROUGH THE ARTS. SO WE JUST HAVE TO REMEMBER TO ACKNOWLEDGE
4 THAT. THE MISS BLACK U.S.A. ORGANIZATION IS ABOUT MIND, BODY
5 AND SOUL HEALTH OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN, AND IT'S ABOUT
6 THE SERVICE AND SCHOLARSHIP OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN. SO I
7 WOULD JUST BE WORKING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO REFLECT THAT AND
8 TO SUPPORT THAT IN EVERY WAY THAT I CAN. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH
9 FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND GOING ON TO YOUR PH.D., TOO. I'D LIKE
12 TO CALL ON OTTO SOLEZANO, CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY
13 AND SENIOR SERVICES JOINS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS
14 SEPTEMBER 21ST THROUGH 27TH IS RECOGNIZED AS EMPLOYED OLDER
15 WORKERS' WEEK THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. THE IMPORTANCE OF
16 RECOGNIZING THE TALENT OF A POPULATION OF THESE ADULTS IS AN
17 ASSET IN SUSTAINING CALIFORNIA IN A CHANGING GLOBAL MARKET.
18 OLDER WORKERS HAVE GOOD WORK ETHICS, EXPERIENCE AND GREAT DEAL
19 OF KNOWLEDGE. BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA CAN REALLY
20 BENEFIT FROM HIRING EXPERIENCED OLDER WORKERS. RETIREMENT
21 PATTERNS ARE CHANGING, AND APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT OF
22 AMERICA'S 78 MILLION BABY BOOMERS PLAN ON WORKING PAST THE AGE
23 OF 65. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I MAKE THIS PRESENTATION
24 TO COMMUNITY OF SENIOR SERVICES AS WE PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 21ST
25 THROUGH THE 27TH AS EMPLOYING OLDER WORKERS' WEEK. [APPLAUSE.]



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OTTO SOLEZANO: GOOD MORNING. ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES WE THANK SUPERVISOR BURKE AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 21 TO 27 AS EMPLOY OLDER WORKERS' WEEK. THE SLOGAN FOR THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN IS "AGE IS AN ASSET, EXPERIENCE A BENEFIT". MANY EMPLOYERS ARE FACING A SHORTAGE IN SKILLED LABOR, AND THIS SHORTAGE IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. IT MAKES GOOD BUSINESS SENSE FOR EMPLOYERS TO ENGAGE THE SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES OF OUR AGING WORKFORCE. FOR THIS REASON, WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO JOIN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN PROCLAIMING THIS WEEK AS OLDER WORKERS WEEK IN THE COUNTY.

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SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO ASK BARBARA SIEGEL TO COME UP, AND NEAL DANOVICZ AND MARIA JIMENEZ. YVONNE MARIA JIMENEZ, I'M SORRY. I WANT TO MAKE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO THEM. YOU'RE USED TO BEING WITNESSES IN THE WITNESS SEAT. YOU'RE ACTUALLY HONORED GUESTS TODAY. BARBARA AND I USUALLY REFER TO EACH OTHER AS PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT. [LAUGHTER.] BUT NOT TODAY. IT'S A REAL PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION TO THE HEALTH CONSUMER CENTER AT NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES ON THE OCCASION OF THE CENTER'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY. THE HEALTH



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1 CONSUMER CENTER AND NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES
2 WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1998 TO PROVIDE HEALTH ADVOCACY FOR LOW
3 INCOME RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND SINCE THEN HAS
4 GROWN TO BE ONE OF THE LARGEST HEALTH ADVOCACY PROGRAMS IN THE
5 NATION. CAN WE HAVE IT QUIET ON THE SIDE, PLEASE? THANK YOU.
6 AND SINCE THEN HAS GROWN TO BE ONE OF THE LARGEST HEALTH
7 ADVOCACY PROGRAMS IN THE NATION WHOSE STAFF OF ATTORNEYS AND
8 COUNSELORS HAVE HELPED MORE THAN 50,000 LOW INCOME RESIDENTS
9 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY OBTAIN HEALTHCARE OVER THE LAST DECADE.
10 BARBARA KAMENIR SIEGEL HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY AS AN ATTORNEY,
11 SPEARHEADING AND MANAGING THE WORK OF THE HEALTH CONSUMER
12 CENTER SINCE ITS INCEPTION SERVING ON MULTIPLE COMMUNITY
13 COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS, AIMED AT IMPROVING ACCESS TO
14 HEALTHCARE FOR LOW INCOME RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AS
15 WELL AS STATEWIDE COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO
16 CARE FOR MEDICAL BENEFICIARIES. BARBARA HAS SUPERVISED THE
17 PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TWO NEW COMPREHENSIVE ADVOCACY
18 PROJECTS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN,
19 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. THE CLINIC AND-- I'M SORRY, THE
20 MEDICAL LEGAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS OF NORTHEAST VALLEY
21 HEALTH CORPORATION, SUN VALLEY HEALTH CLINIC, OUR NEW CLINIC
22 IN THE VALLEY, SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, AND AT ST. JOHN'S WELL
23 CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER. BARBARA HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN
24 DEVELOPING TRAINING CURRICULUMS FOR ADVOCATES, COMMUNITY-BASED
25 ORGANIZATIONS, LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND



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1 LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND ADMINISTERED THE
2 IMPLEMENTATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE VIDA PROJECT IN THE SAN
3 FERNANDO VALLEY AND VENTANIA DE SALUD PROJECT AT THE LOS
4 ANGELES MEXICAN CONSULATE. THEREFORE THERE BE IT RESOLVED BY
5 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THAT THE
6 HEALTH CONSUMER CENTER AND NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES AND ITS
7 MANAGING ATTORNEY BARBARA KAMENIR SIEGEL ARE HEREBY HIGHLY
8 COMMENDED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING RECORD OF COMMUNITY SERVICE
9 AND THEY ARE EXTENDED SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON THE JOYOUS
10 OCCASION OF THE HEALTH CONSUMER CENTER'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY,
11 WITH BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.
12 AND IT'S SIGNED BY ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IT'S HARD TO
13 BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE ONLY BEEN IN BUSINESS FOR 10 YEARS. THIS
14 IS ONE CASE WHERE I THINK THE ATTORNEY'S BILLING HAS BEEN
15 UNDERSTATED. THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT YOU'VE PUT IN IS REALLY A
16 GENERATION OR TWO OF WORK IN A VERY SHORT AND COMPRESSED TIME
17 AND YOU'VE MADE SUCH A HUGE DIFFERENCE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.
18 BUT I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK YOU'VE DONE IN THE
19 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, WHICH IS REALLY ONE OF THE GROUND ZEROS
20 OF THE HEALTHCARE CRISIS AND ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE CRISES IN
21 NOT ONLY OUR COUNTY BUT IN THE COUNTRY. AND I THINK YOU CAN
22 TAKE GREAT SATISFACTION IN THIS LAST DECADE YOU'VE MADE A
23 DIFFERENCE NOT JUST IN ONE LIFE BUT IN TENS OF THOUSANDS OF
24 LIVES, PEOPLE WHO WERE ABLE TO GET HEALTHCARE, IN SOME CASES
25 SAVING LIVES AND IN ALL CASES IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF THEIR



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1 LIVES. SO BARBARA IS RECEIVING THIS, BUT SHE'S ACCOMPANIED BY
2 NEAL DANOVICZ, WHO IS NO STRANGER HERE, DIRECTOR OF
3 NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES AND YVONNE MARIA JIMENEZ, ALSO OF
4 THE HEALTH CENTER. SO LET ME PRESENT THIS TO YOU AND ASK YOU
5 TO SAY A COUPLE WORDS.

6

7 **BARBARA SIEGEL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR, AND TO THE
8 OTHER SUPERVISORS. IT HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL DECADE OF SERVICE
9 TO LOS ANGELES. WE AT NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES HEALTH
10 CONSUMER CENTER, OUR HEALTH ADVOCACY PROJECT, SERVING THE LOW
11 INCOME RESIDENTS OF OUR COUNTY. WE DO INDIVIDUAL CONSUMER
12 ASSISTANCE, POLICY WORK AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION.
13 WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR NEXT 10 YEARS, AS THE SUPERVISOR
14 HAS SAID, TO A NEW WAY OF DELIVERING HEALTH ADVOCACY IN LOS
15 ANGELES COUNTY THROUGH LOCALLY-BASED ADVOCACY PROJECTS, IN
16 PARTICULAR IN SUN VALLEY AND IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES AT THE ST.
17 JOHN'S WELL CHILD AND HEALTH CENTER. THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE
18 APPRECIATE THE RECOGNITION. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED WITH THE HEARINGS.
21 AND THEN WE'LL GET BACK TO ADJOURNMENTS.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, ALL THOSE WHO
24 PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY, ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13,
25 PLEASE STAND, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN? IN THE



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1 TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY
2 AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE
3 TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. WE'LL
4 BEGIN WITH ITEM NUMBER 1. AND THIS IS THE HEARING ON
5 ANNEXATION OF 11 PARCELS TO THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE
6 DISTRICT, PARCEL NUMBERS 109-06 THROUGH 119-06 WITHIN
7 UNINCORPORATED TERRITORIES OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS,
8 CALABASAS AND THE HIDDEN HILLS AND THE LEVYING OF ANNUAL
9 ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE ANNEXED PARCELS FOR THE OPERATION AND
10 MAINTENANCE OF SEWER FACILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-
11 20010. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER AND NO
12 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

13

14 **NICHOLAS AGBOBU:** MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOBU. I'M A SENIOR
15 CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM
16 FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO THE
17 CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS OF AND LEVY OF SEWER
18 SERVICE CHARGES TO THE 11 PARCELS IDENTIFIED IN THE BOARD
19 LETTER, WHICH ARE LOCATED ON THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AND THE
20 CITIES OF AGOURA HILLS, CALABASAS AND HIDDEN HILLS. THE
21 INVOLVED CITIES HAVE GRANTED THEIR CONSENT AND JURISDICTION.
22 IN MY OPINION, ALL 11 PARCELS WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE
23 ANNEXATION TO THE DISTRICT AND BY THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED.
24 IN MY OPINION, THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY
25 IMPOSED.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE IT.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED TO CLOSE THE HEARING AND WE APPROVE
7 ITEM 1. SECONDED BY MOLINA, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 2, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
10 ANNEXATION OF 24 PARCELS TO THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE
11 DISTRICT PARCELS 201-07 THROUGH 224-07 WITHIN UNINCORPORATED
12 TERRITORIES AND THE CITIES OF BRADBURY, DUARTE, LA CANADA-
13 FLINTRIDGE, ROSEMEAD AND SOUTH EL MONTE AND TEMPLE CITY AND
14 THE LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE ANNEXED PARCELS
15 FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SEWER FACILITIES FOR
16 FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS
17 MATTER AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

18

19 **NICHOLAS AGBOBU:** FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOBU.
20 I'M A SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
21 WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION
22 TO CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS OF AND LEVY OF
23 SEWER SERVICE CHARGES TO THE 24 PARCELS IDENTIFIED IN THE
24 BOARD LETTER, WHICH ARE LOCATED IN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AND
25 THE CITIES OF BRADBURY, DUARTE, LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE,



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1 ROSEMEAD, SOUTH EL MONTE AND TEMPLE CITY. THE INVOLVED CITIES
2 HAVE GRANTED THEIR CONSENT AND JURISDICTION. IN MY OPINION,
3 ALL 24 PARCELS WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION TO THE
4 DISTRICT, AND BY THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED. IN MY OPINION,
5 THE SEWER CHARGES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY IMPOSED.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MOVES TO CLOSE THE
8 HEARING AND APPROVE THIS ITEM. SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT
9 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON NUMBER 3. THIS IS HEARING ON EXCLUSION
12 OF PARCEL W55-08 FROM THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE
13 DISTRICT LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF PALMDALE AND THE
14 CONTINUANCE AND RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER
15 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS
16 MATTER AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

17

18 **NICHOLAS AGBOBU:** FOR YOUR RECORDS, MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOBU.
19 I'M A SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
20 WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE EXCLUSION
21 OF PARCEL W55-08 FROM THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE
22 DISTRICT. PARCEL W55-08 COMPRISES OF ALL PORTIONS OF THE CITY
23 OF PALMDALE, WHICH IS CURRENTLY WITHIN THE DISTRICT. THE
24 EXCLUSION WAS REQUESTED BY THE CITY. IN MY OPINION, THE AREA
25 SOUGHT TO BE EXCLUDED WILL NOT BE BENEFITED BY REMAINING IN



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1 THE DISTRICT, AND THE AREAS REMAINING IN THE DISTRICT,
2 FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION, WILL BENEFIT BY CONTINUING TO BE
3 INCLUDED WITHIN THE DISTRICT. UPON EXCLUSION OF THE AREA FROM
4 THE DISTRICT, ALL PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT SHALL
5 REMAIN VESTED IN THE COUNTY AND BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF
6 THE DISTRICT.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MOVES THAT WE CLOSE
9 THE PUBLIC HEARING. SUPERVISOR MOLINA SECONDS. WITHOUT
10 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 4, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
13 PROPOSED SALE OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE HOLLYWOOD
14 BOWL TO F. THOMAS MULLER AND CAROL S. ELIEL TO ELIMINATE AND
15 REMOVE AN ENCROACHMENT ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE
16 HOLLYWOOD BOWL AND ADJACENT TO PRIVATE PROPERTY AT 2200
17 BROADVIEW TERRACE, CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT
18 STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MOVES ITEM 4,
21 SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 6. THIS IS THE HEARING ON
24 AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 12, ENVIRONMENTAL
25 PROTECTION TO REVISE THE FEE COLLECTION PROCESS FOR ANNUAL



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1 PERMIT FEES FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATOR, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL
2 HANDLER AND CALIFORNIA ACCIDENTAL RELEASE PREVENTION PROGRAMS
3 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON
4 THIS MATTER AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, THAT THE HEARING BE
7 CLOSED, SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 8, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
10 AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 15, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC
11 TO ESTABLISH THE FIR AVENUE PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT IN
12 THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF FLORENCE-FIRESTONE AND
13 IMPOSITION OF A PERMIT FEE WITHIN THE DISTRICT. THERE IS NO
14 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I MOVE THAT WE CLOSE THE HEARING, AND IT IS
17 SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. DID
18 YOU HAVE ANYTHING?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** NOTHING TO ADD, SUPERVISOR.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 10, THIS IS THE DE NOVO
25 HEARING ON PROJECT NO. R2006-03164-(2) CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT



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1 CASE NUMBER 2007-00020-(2) AND DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL
2 EXEMPTION TO AUTHORIZE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
3 OF AN UNMANNED WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY LOCATED AT
4 AN EXISTING C.V.S. PHARMACY AT 4501, WEST SLAUSON AVENUE, VIEW
5 PARK ZONED DISTRICT, APPLIED FOR BY T-MOBILE. THERE IS A
6 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS
7 RECEIVED.

8

9 **MARK CHILD:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARK CHILD. I'M
10 SUPERVISING REGIONAL PLANNER FOR THE ZONING PERMITS 1 SECTION
11 AT THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. AND TO MY RIGHT IS
12 JOSE DE LA ROSA WHO IS THE PLANNER WHO HAS WORKED ON THIS
13 PROJECT. ITEM 10 IS PROJECT NUMBER R2006-03164. IT'S A
14 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST THAT WAS APPROVED BY THE
15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IN JUNE 18TH, 2008. YOUR BOARD
16 CALLED UP FOR REVIEW THE DECISION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING
17 COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE PROJECT. THE REQUEST IS TO CONSTRUCT
18 A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT AN EXISTING
19 COMMERCIAL BUILDING. THE ANTENNAS WILL BE LOCATED ON THE ROOF
20 TOP IN THE PARKING LOT AREA. IT WILL BE LOCATED IN AN EXISTING
21 WOODEN TRELLIS THAT WOULD NEED BE EXTENDED BY 7 FEET. AND THE
22 EQUIPMENT CABINETS WILL BE LOCATED AT GROUND LEVEL. THE
23 PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 4501 WEST SLAUSON AVENUE IN THE
24 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF VIEW PARK WITHIN THE C-2 NEIGHBORHOOD
25 BUSINESS ZONE AND THE VIEW PARK ZONE DISTRICT. THE APPLICANT



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1 BELIEVES THE FACILITY IS NEEDED BECAUSE THEIR CELLULAR PHONE
2 COVERAGE IN THE AREA IS INADEQUATE BASED ON THEIR CRITERIA AND
3 CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS IN THE AREA. CONCERNS RAISED BY TESTIFIERS
4 AT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING WERE THE POSSIBLE
5 DEPRECIATION OF PROPERTY VALUES DUE TO THE PERCEIVED HEALTH
6 RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EMISSIONS PRODUCED BY WIRELESS
7 TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND THE IMPACT THIS TYPE OF
8 EQUIPMENT WOULD HAVE ON THE HILLSIDE VIEWS. IN ADDITION,
9 GENERALLY THOSE THAT TESTIFIED WERE NOT CONVINCED THAT THE
10 ADDITIONAL CELLULAR PHONE FACILITIES ARE NECESSARY BECAUSE
11 THEY BELIEVED THAT THE APPLICANT HAS NOT FULLY CONSIDERED
12 OTHER POSSIBLE SITES OR COLLOCATION OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREA.
13 AFTER DISCUSSION, THE PLANNING COMMISSION ARRIVED AT THE
14 DECISION TO APPROVE THE PROJECT. THE VOTE WAS 3-2. THEY FOUND
15 THAT A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT THE PROPOSED
16 LOCATION WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN AND
17 ZONING CODES. THE COMMISSION WAS AWARE WHEN THEY MADE THIS
18 DECISION THAT THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACTED OF 1996 AND
19 CORRESPONDING UNITED STATES CODE THAT ARE AFFECTED, PROHIBIT
20 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM REGULATING THE PLACEMENT, CONSTRUCTION
21 AND MODIFICATION OF PERSONAL WIRELESS SERVICE FACILITIES ON
22 THE BASIS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF RADIO FREQUENCY
23 EMISSIONS, TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH FACILITIES COMPLY WITH THE
24 FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION REGULATIONS CONCERNING SUCH
25 EMISSIONS. THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO
3 ASKED TO SPEAK. I'M GOING TO ASK IF THERE ARE SOME OF THE
4 PEOPLE THAT WOULD LIKE TO JOIN, WE HAVE PROBABLY ABOUT 25
5 PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK. IF SOME PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO
6 JUST SIMPLY STATE THAT THEY'RE IN OPPOSITION RATHER THAN
7 MAKING A FULL STATEMENT, THEY'LL BE FREE TO DO THAT. BUT I'LL
8 START CALLING THE NAMES OF THOSE PEOPLE. AND I'LL ASK FOUR
9 PEOPLE TO COME UP. MAURICE WASHINGTON. EARLE ROBINSON. ROBERT
10 COLE. JASON KOZORA. WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? MR.
11 WASHINGTON?

12

13 **MAURICE WASHINGTON:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELCOME. WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME AND THEN
16 PROCEED?

17

18 **MAURICE WASHINGTON:** MY NAME IS MAURICE WASHINGTON. MY WIFE IS
19 FAY WASHINGTON. I LIVE AT 5582 HONOR CREST DRIVE. WE ONLY
20 HEARD ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORS, AND WE DIDN'T
21 GET ANY KIND OF NOTIFICATION FROM T-MOBILE. WE ARE ESPECIALLY
22 CONCERNED BECAUSE WE LIVE DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE C.V.S.
23 ROOF, AND WE ARE LESS THAN ABOUT 30 YARDS. AND THE ANTENNAS
24 WOULD BE IN DIRECT SIGHT AND IMMEDIATELY ACROSS FROM OUR
25 BREAKFAST ROOM AND OUR DINING ROOM. BY RAISING THESE TRELLISES



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1 ANOTHER 7 FEET WILL OBSTRUCT OUR VIEW AND IT IS NOT CONSISTENT
2 WITH OUR ORIGINAL DESIGN OF THE BUILDING. WE EXPECT, ACCORDING
3 TO THE HAGAN COMPANY, THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO PUT VINES AND
4 FLOWERS TO BEAUTIFY THAT BACK AREA. HOWEVER, THEY DIDN'T KEEP
5 THEIR PROMISES. THEY'RE VERY DISAPPOINTING. AND THE ROOF TOP
6 NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED AND BEAUTIFIED, NOT BLIGHTED WITH
7 ANTENNAS. THE DISTANCE INSTALLATION WILL BE UNATTRACTIVE AND
8 WILL LOWER OUR PROPERTY VALUES AS OUR NEIGHBORS ACROSS THE
9 STREET IS ALREADY FINDING OUT, THAT T-MOBILE HAS ALSO PROVEN
10 TO BE BAD NEIGHBORS IN OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE SEE SECTION M. OF
11 OUR COMMUNITY TESTIMONY LETTER AND THE PICTURES OF POORLY
12 MAINTAINED BY T-MOBILE SITE. WE DO NOT TRUST THE COMPANY WHO
13 HAS SHOWN SUCH DISREGARD AND WHO HAS TRIED TO MISLEAD THE
14 COMMUNITY. SO PLEASE THE PERMIT TODAY, WE ASK TO NOT APPROVE
15 THIS.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. EARLE ROBINSON?

18

19 **EARLE ROBINSON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS EARLE ROBINSON.
20 DISTRICT MANAGER FOR THE C.V.S. PHARMACY AT THAT SITE. I HAVE
21 A LETTER FROM OUR COMPANY OPPOSING THE CELL PHONE SITE, AS
22 WELL. THE HAGEN GROUP HAS NOT NOTIFIED OUR COMPANY AS THEIR
23 INTENT TO INSTALL THAT CELL PHONE SITE. AND AS PART OF OUR
24 LEASE AGREEMENT, C.V.S. PHARMACY WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE ANY
25 INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT ON OUR BUILDING. AND AT THIS POINT,



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1 OUR COMPANY'S POSITION IS TO OPPOSE THE CELL PHONE SITE AT OUR
2 LOCATION.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD JOE THOMPSON AND GILBERTO
5 SANTIAGO COME FORWARD. ROBERT COLE?

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7 **ROBERT COLE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ROBERT COLE. I'M THE
8 PRESIDENT OF THE BALDWIN HILLS ESTATES HOMEOWNERS'
9 ASSOCIATION. I'M HERE TO STATE MY OPPOSITION TO THIS PROJECT.
10 THERE'S A NOTE BINDER THAT THE SUPERVISORS HAVE RECEIVED
11 ENTITLED "COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE." JUST BRIEFLY IF YOU LOOK AT,
12 I THINK ITEM NUMBER 27-- EXCUSE ME, ITEM NUMBER 27, CORRECT.
13 SOMETIME AGO, T-MOBILE APPLIED FOR A SIMILAR PERMIT IN THE
14 BALDWIN HILLS ESTATES COMMUNITY. AND THEY WERE DENIED
15 SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE THE T-MOBILE DID NOT TAKE OTHER LOCATIONS
16 INTO CONSIDERATION. WHAT THEY DID, WHICH SPECIFICALLY OFFENDS
17 THE BALDWIN ESTATES COMMUNITIES AND OTHER COMMUNITIES, THEY
18 WENT JUST FOUR OR FIVE BLOCKS UP THE STREET, REAPPLIED FOR A
19 SIMILAR PERMIT IN THE COUNTY TO HAVE THIS ANTENNA INSTALLED
20 AND BYPASSING SOME OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HURDLES THAT EXIST IN
21 THE CITY. AGAIN, THIS PROJECT WOULD BE MORE OR LESS FIVE OR
22 SIX BLOCKS FROM THE ORIGINAL SITE THAT THEY APPLIED FOR. AND
23 WE THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WOULD NOT BE TOLERATED IN
24 OTHER COMMUNITIES. PER THE DENIAL LETTER FROM THE
25 COMMISSIONERS FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THERE WERE OTHER



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1 SITES THAT THE T-MOBILE COULD CONSIDER FOR THE INSTALLATION.
2 THERE WAS A PARK AND THEN OTHER TREES THAT COULD BE USED. SO
3 I'M JUST HERE TO BASICALLY STATE MY OPPOSITION TO THIS
4 PROJECT. WE THINK THEY'RE TRYING TO JUST RAM THIS PROJECT DOWN
5 THE THROATS OF THE COMMUNITY. PER THE DENIAL LETTER OF THE
6 CITY, THERE WERE OTHER SITES THAT THEY COULD CONSIDER. WE
7 THINK THEY'RE TRYING TO MAKE A QUICK BUCK AT THE EXPENSE OF
8 THE COMMUNITY. AND WE'RE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT CHANGING THE
9 INTEGRITY OF THIS COMMUNITY. IT'S A LONG-STANDING COMMUNITY.
10 WE THEN WOULD HAVE TO POSSIBLY CONSIDER OTHER PHONE CARRIERS
11 COMING IN, INSTALLING THEIR ANTENNAS IN NEIGHBORING BUILDINGS.
12 AND SO THEN YOU GO FROM A COMMUNITY-BASED NEIGHBORHOOD TO A
13 COMMERCIAL-BASED COMMUNITY AT THE EXPENSE OF HEALTH AND SAFETY
14 ISSUES. SO I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO AT LEAST DENY THIS ON THE
15 STRENGTH THAT THERE ARE OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE THAT T-MOBILE
16 FAILED TO CONSIDER. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** JASON KOZORA, AND WOULD DAVID REED COME
19 FORWARD?

20

21 **JASON KOZORA:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
22 BOARD. MY NAME IS JASON KOZORA REPRESENTING T-MOBILE, THE
23 APPLICANT. FIRST I'D LIKE TO THANK STAFF FOR THEIR
24 PRESENTATION. I JUST WANTED TO ADD A FEW THINGS TO THAT. WE'RE
25 HERE, ON BEHALF OF MY CLIENT, RESPONDING TO A NEED IN WIRELESS



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1 COVERAGE IN THIS AREA. WE FILED AN APPLICATION TO FILL THIS
2 COVERAGE GAP BACK IN JANUARY 24TH OF 2007. SINCE THEN, WE HAVE
3 WORKED WITH STAFF, EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE NO WIRELESS
4 GUIDELINES, TO MAKE THIS FACILITY CONSISTENT WITH THE HUNDREDS
5 OF OTHER WIRELESS FACILITIES THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED IN THE
6 COUNTY. AS SUCH, THE INTEGRATION OF THESE ANTENNAS WITHIN THE
7 TRELLIS AND THE SCREENING OF THE PARAPET MOUNTED ANTENNAS WILL
8 ENSURE THAT THE PROJECT WILL HAVE NO ADVERSE IMPACT TO THE
9 COMMUNITY OR TO THE SURROUNDING AREA. THE SITE AS PROPOSED
10 MEETS TITLES 22 SECTION 22-28160 AS IT RELATES TO THE
11 CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS FOR RADIO TOWERS AND TRANSMITTING
12 FACILITIES. THE SITE ALSO, AS PROPOSED, MEETS THE 35 HEIGHT
13 LIMIT THAT WAS ESTABLISHED FOR THE C2 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS
14 ZONE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-28-170-C, WHICH ACTUALLY EXCLUDES
15 THE ANTENNAS. HOWEVER, AGAIN, WE ARE MEETING THAT 35-FOOT
16 HEIGHT LIMIT. THE SITE IN ADDITION, AS PROPOSED, MEETS ALL
17 FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF
18 1996. WE HAVE PROVIDED EMISSION REPORTS TO THE COUNTY SHOWING
19 COMPLIANCE WITH THAT. I ALSO WANT TO QUICKLY ADDRESS THE
20 ALTERNATIVE SITES. I WILL GIVE THE ADDRESSES TO SAVE SOME
21 TIME. WE DID EXPLORE 4314 WEST SLAUSON AVENUE TO LOCATE THE
22 FACILITY. THE PROPERTY OWNER WAS NOT INTERESTED. WE EXPLORED
23 4455 WEST SLAUSON AVENUE. AGAIN, THE PROPERTY OWNER WAS NOT
24 INTERESTED. IN ADDITION, THAT SITE WOULD REQUIRE THE
25 INSTALLATION OF A FREESTANDING SUCH AS A MONOPALM OR MONOPINE.



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1 WE FELT THAT THE SUBJECT SITE PROVIDED A LESS INTRUSIVE IMPACT
2 TO THE COMMUNITY. WE ALSO LOOKED AT 4411 WEST SLAUSON AVENUE.
3 IT WAS A PUBLIC STORAGE FACILITY. THAT PROPERTY OWNER WAS NOT
4 INTERESTED, AS WELL. DUE TO THE SLOPE OF SLAUSON AVENUE AS IT
5 GOES FROM EAST TO WEST, THIS WAS A PRIME LOCATION FOR THE
6 FACILITY AS IT WILL PROVIDE AND MEET THE COVERAGE OBJECTIVES
7 OF OUR R.F. ENGINEER. WE ALSO LOOKED AT DOING THE SITE ON THE
8 PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ON A UTILITY POLE. THAT ONE WE COULDN'T
9 FIND A PLACE TO PUT THE EQUIPMENT. IN ADDITION, IT WAS TOO FAR
10 UP SLAUSON TO MEET THE COVERAGE OBJECTIVE. I HAVE INCLUDED A
11 NUMBER OF EXHIBITS IN YOUR PACKAGE. IF YOU WOULD PLEASE TAKE A
12 LOOK AT THEM, SPECIFICALLY THE PHOTO MONTAGE, WHICH IS EXHIBIT
13 E, SHOWS THE SURROUNDING AREA AROUND THE FACILITY. IT'S ALSO
14 IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS, DURING THE
15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING, MENTIONED THAT THIS
16 TRELLIS COULD ACTUALLY BE RAISED UP TO A HEIGHT OF 35 FEET
17 WITHOUT, BY RIGHT. SO THEREFORE JUST THE USE OF THE ANTENNAS
18 IS BEING CONSIDERED. ALSO WANT TO END WITH SOME STATISTICS TO
19 THINK ABOUT. ROUGHLY 86 MILLION SUBSCRIBERS WERE ON CELL
20 PHONES IN 1999. THAT ROSE TO 270 MILLION IN 2006. AND HERE IN
21 2008, WE'RE CLOSE TO 400 MILLION. THEREFORE IT'S VITAL THAT
22 L.A. COUNTY HAVE THIS INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THE
23 ADVANCEMENTS OF THESE TECHNOLOGICAL DEVICES. THANK YOU.
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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO THE CITY ACTION THAT
2 DENIED THE 4770 DON MIGUEL? IS THAT THE ADDRESS WHERE IT WAS
3 BEFORE? DID YOU HAVE AN APPLICATION WITH CITY?

4

5 **JASON KOZORA:** IT'S POSSIBLE THAT WE DID. IT WOULDN'T HAVE
6 BEEN-- UNLESS I HAVE THE SITE NUMBER, I COULDN'T TELL YOU IF
7 IT'S RELATED TO THIS FACILITY. I HAVE MY R.F. ENGINEER. HE MAY
8 BE ABLE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I BELIEVE IT WAS 477 SOUTH DON MIGUEL. DOES
11 THAT SOUND CORRECT?

12

13 **JOE THOMPSON:** MA'AM, WE PUT UP HUNDREDS OF SITES A YEAR. I
14 WOULD NEED TO GO BACK AND RESEARCH THAT

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT'S FINE. YES, WOULD YOU
17 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME?

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19 **JOE THOMPSON:** JOE THOMPSON WITH T-MOBILE. WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH
20 EVERY AUTHORITY UP TO THIS POINT AND THE DIRECTOR, THE HEARING
21 OFFICER, THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAVE ALL APPROVED THIS. WE
22 HAVE BEEN AS RESPONSIBLE AS POSSIBLE IN REGARDS TO KEEPING THE
23 COMMUNITY INFORMED. WE DID A COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING, WHICH
24 ONLY FOUR OR FIVE RESIDENTS SHOWED UP ON MAY 21ST. WE HAVE
25 POSTED HEARING NOTICES AS REQUIRED. IN ADDITION TO THAT-- YOU



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1 KNOW, WE DON'T PUT THESE UP WILLY-NILLY. EACH OF THESE
2 FACILITIES COSTS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. WE DO A LOT
3 OF RESEARCH. WE LISTEN TO OUR CUSTOMERS WHO ARE IN THAT AREA.
4 SURROUNDING AREAS WHERE THE CELL SITES ARE LOCATED TRYING TO
5 SHOOT INTO THIS AREA ARE EXPERIENCING ABOUT 3,000 E911 CALLS
6 EVERY MONTH. SO IN ADDITION JUST TO THE CUSTOMERS THAT WE'RE
7 TRYING TO SATISFY, THERE IS AN E911 PUBLIC SAFETY COMPONENT,
8 AS WELL. AGAIN, WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING TO THE LETTER. WE ARE
9 BUILDING THIS SITE RESPONSIBLY. AS JASON STATED, IF THE OWNER
10 OF THE PROPERTY WANTED TO RAISE A TRELLIS FROM 7 FEET, IT
11 WOULD BE A BY RIGHT THING. SO WE ARE ONLY ASKING THAT WE
12 PROVIDE SERVICE IN THE AREA. THE ONLY THING YOU'RE GOING TO
13 SEE IS 4 ANTENNAS THE SAME WIDTH OR NARROWER THAN THE POSTS OF
14 THE TRELLIS. SO WE THINK IT'S A REALLY SIMPLE SITE TO GET IN.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WOULD YOU STATE YOUR
17 NAME?

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19 **GILBERTO SANTIAGO:** MY NAME IS GILBERTO SANTIAGO.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WOULD SALLY HAMPTON AND GARY GLESS
22 PLEASE COME FORWARD?

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24 **GILBERTO SANTIAGO:** MY NAME IS GILBERTO SANTIAGO. I'M THE RADIO
25 FREQUENCY ENGINEER WITH T-MOBILE FOR THIS SITE. I WANT TO ADD



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1 A LITTLE BIT MORE INFORMATION HOW WE PICK THIS LOCATION. AND
2 BASICALLY WE DO FOUR THINGS. WE GO WITH CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS.
3 SO WE DO THE DRIVE TEST. WE DO OUR CURRENT SITE PERFORMANCE.
4 AND WE DO _____ IN CERTAIN AREAS. OF COURSE WE DO THE
5 COLLOCATION EFFORT. WE TRY TO COLLOCATE WITH OTHER CARRIERS IN
6 THE AREA, ESPECIALLY IN THIS AREA, THERE IS NOT MUCH OPTIONS
7 THAT WE CAN DO. AND I'M HERE JUST TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU
8 MAY HAVE.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PLEASE
11 STATE YOUR NAME.

12

13 **DAVID REED:** YES. MY NAME IS DAVID REED. THAT'S SPELLED R-E-E-
14 D. 4004 KENWAY AVENUE IN VIEW PARK. I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF
15 VIEW PARK SINCE 1967. I AM VICE PRESIDENT CURRENTLY ON THE
16 EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNITED HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION
17 INCORPORATED, WHICH REPRESENTS ROUGHLY 5,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN THE
18 GREATER VIEW PARK, WINDSOR HILLS AND VIEW HEIGHTS AREA OF
19 UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
20 THE SUPERVISORS FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK AND SAY HELLO
21 PERSONALLY TO SUPERVISOR BURKE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S VERY NICE TO SEE YOU.

24



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1 **DAVID REED:** WHOM I BELIEVE KNOWS MY LATE FATHER VERY WELL, DR.
2 DAVID S. REED, WHO'S BEEN DECEASED NOW FOR ABOUT 22 YEARS.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, WE WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER.

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6 **DAVID REED:** RIGHT. PERHAPS U.C.L.A., TOO.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S RIGHT. U.C.L.A. AS WELL AS HIGH
9 SCHOOL.

10

11 **DAVID REED:** IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO BRIEFLY
12 SAY THAT UNITED HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION IS BEHIND-- I SHOULD
13 SAY, WE THOROUGHLY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE HOMEOWNERS IN
14 OUR COMMUNITY HERE IN OPPOSITION OF THIS CELL PHONE, THIS
15 PROPOSED CELL PHONE ANTENNA SITE. THERE ARE SITES WHICH ARE
16 ALREADY UP IN THE AREA. I CAN THINK OF ONE WHICH I WOULD LIKE
17 TO HAVE GO ON THE RECORD WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST
18 CORNER OF LA BREA AND STOCKER. THERE'S A SITE THERE CURRENTLY,
19 WHICH IS BEHIND A COMMERCIAL BUILDING. THERE ARE NO HOMES
20 IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING THAT SITE. I'M SURE-- NOW, I DID NOT
21 HEAR THE REPRESENTATIVES FOR T-MOBILE MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT
22 THAT SITE. THAT IS THE HIGH POINT. THAT'S THE HIGH POINT OF
23 THE COMMUNITY AT THE INTERSECTION OF SLAUSON-- I'M SORRY, OF
24 STOCKER AND LA BREA AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER. THERE IS A MOTEL
25 THERE. THERE ARE COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES THERE. AND THERE IS A



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1 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON SUBSTATION THERE. SO THERE'S NO
2 IMPACT AT THAT SITE THAT WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT HOMEOWNERS.
3 WHY HAVEN'T THEY LOOKED INTO THAT SITE? I'M SURE THERE'S ROOM.
4 I MEAN IT'S JUST ONE. THERE'S JUST ONE ANTENNA STAND, ANTENNA
5 TOWER THERE. THEY COULD USE THAT. BUT TO BE 30 TO 40 FEET AWAY
6 FROM HOMEOWNERS, DIRECTLY BEHIND THAT BUILDING AT THE
7 DRUGSTORE IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. STATE YOUR NAME,
10 PLEASE.

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12 **SALLY HAMPTON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SALLY
13 HAMPTON AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE CALL TO REVIEW THIS
14 CASE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO CALL UP JAMES BRAXTON AND
17 MIRIAM NAKAMURA-QUAN.

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19 **SALLY HAMPTON:** CAN YOU START MY TIME OVER?

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, START YOUR TIME OVER.

22

23 **SALLY HAMPTON:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO ALSO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
24 CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO YOU BY THE
25 COMMUNITY. MOST NEIGHBORS COULD NOT LEAVE WORK TO BE HERE, SO



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1 I WILL SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE OVER 600 RESIDENTS WHO OPPOSED
2 THE PLACEMENT OF THIS FACILITY AT THIS LOCATION FOR A WEALTH
3 OF REASONS SET FORTH IN THE COMMUNITY LETTER DELIVERED TO EACH
4 OF YOU LAST FRIDAY, WHICH I HOPE THAT YOU ALL HAVE. OUR
5 COMMUNITY HAS PROVIDED THE COUNTY WITH SUBSTANTIAL WRITTEN
6 EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT A DENIAL OF THIS PERMIT. IN ADDITION, BY A
7 UNANIMOUS DECISION, THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS
8 RECENTLY AFFIRMED THE DISCRETION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN
9 CALIFORNIA TO REGULATE THE LOCATION AND APPEARANCE OF WIRELESS
10 INSTALLATIONS, GIVING YOU CLEAR AUTHORITY TO DENY THIS PERMIT.
11 THE RESIDENTS WITH BUILDING AND ENGINEERING BACKGROUNDS WILL
12 EXPLAIN HOW EXTENDING A TRELLIS 7 FEET EMBRACING THEM TO
13 SAFELY MOUNT EQUIPMENT TO WITHSTAND THE WIND STORMS IN OUR
14 AREA CAN'T BE DONE WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL VISUAL BLIGHT. WE WANT
15 YOU TO CONSIDER THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF THESE TRELLISES WAS TO
16 BEAUTIFY WITH GREENERY, NOT TO MISUSE, TO CAUSE BLIGHT WITH
17 ANTENNAS, EQUIPMENT OR ADDED FENCING OR TO BE RAISED TO
18 OBSTRUCT VIEWS. WE ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER THE IMPORTANCE OF
19 HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS IN A COMMUNITY WHERE VIEW ESPECIALLY
20 IMPACTS OUR PROPERTY VALUES, AND TO CONSIDER THE SIGNIFICANT
21 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS OF THIS FACILITY AT THIS LOCATION. T-MOBILE
22 HAS NOT ACTED IN GOOD FAITH AND FAILED TO PROVIDE NECESSARY
23 INFORMATION TO JUSTIFY PLACEMENT AT THIS LOCATION AND
24 ATTEMPTED TO DECEIVE THE COUNTY AND THE COMMUNITY WITH
25 MISLEADING HEIGHT MEASUREMENTS, MISLEADING AND FALSE 911 DATA



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1 AND MISLEADING COVERAGE CLAIMS. PLEASE CONSIDER THEIR LACK OF
2 MEANINGFUL INVESTIGATION OF ALTERNATIVES AND THAT THEY IGNORED
3 COMMISSIONER BELLAMY'S REQUEST TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY REPORT
4 SPECIFIC TO VIEWS IN OUR COMMUNITY, BUT INSTEAD PROVIDED AN
5 INADEQUATE REPORT ON A COMPLETELY UNRELATED PROJECT IN ANOTHER
6 CITY. CONSIDER THE PHENOMENON OF CELL SITES STARTING FIRES
7 WHEN SERVICED WHICH WOULD HAVE A DISASTROUS EFFECT GIVEN THE
8 PROXIMITY OF THE PROPANE GAS TANK, THE PUBLIC USE OF THE
9 C.V.S., AND THAT PROPOSED FACILITY IS ONLY 50 FEET FROM HOMES.
10 CONSIDER T-MOBILE'S INCOMPLETE AND INACCURATE R.F. REPORT, AND
11 THAT THE COMMUNITY'S REPORT SHOWS WHERE PEOPLE WILL BE EXPOSED
12 TO RADIATION LEVELS THAT EXCEED-- EXCEED THE F.C.C. SAFETY
13 LIMITS. CONSIDER THAT TO GRANT THIS PERMIT WOULD DEPART FROM
14 PRECEDENT IN OUR AREA, AS SIMILAR FACILITIES IN PLACEMENTS
15 NEARBY HAVE BEEN DENIED BY THE CITY. CONSIDER THE LACK OF
16 PROPER NOTICE AND OUTREACH, AND THAT T-MOBILE HAS NOT LIVED UP
17 TO PROMISES IN OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS. CONSIDER THE RECENT
18 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION PROBE INTO T-MOBILE'S
19 CELL SITING PROCEDURES AND ASK, WHY SHOULD WE TRUST THIS
20 COMPANY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD? AND FINALLY, THE COMMUNITY ASKS
21 THE COUNTY TO PROTECT ITS CITIZENS BY DENYING THIS PLACEMENT,
22 OUR BASIC DEMOCRATIC RIGHT TO SELF-GOVERNANCE AND TO PROTECT
23 OUR PROPERTY CANNOT BE JEOPARDIZED, AND THESE RIGHTS MUST BE
24 HELD HIGHER THAN THE GOAL OF T-MOBILE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

2

3 **GARY GLESS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS GARY GLESS.

4 MAY I ASK YOU TO RE-VISIT SECTIONS A, B AND C IN THE COMMUNITY

5 REPORT THAT WAS GIVEN TO YOU. T-MOBILE HAS ATTEMPTED TO

6 DECEIVE THE COMMUNITY WITH A MISLEADING HEIGHT MEASUREMENT.

7 EXHIBIT 1, THE T-MOBILE INITIAL REPORT, SHOWS THE PROPOSED

8 WOOD TRELLISES WOULD BE 41 FEET FROM THE GROUND AND THE LEVEL

9 OF 46 FEET FROM GRADE. EXHIBIT 2, A SUBSEQUENT T-MOBILE

10 SUBMISSION SHOWED THAT THE TRELLISES MEASURED FROM A GRADE

11 BEYOND WOULD MEET THE 35-FOOT HEIGHT REQUIREMENT. THE

12 COMMUNITY HAS REQUESTED FOR INFORMATION FROM THE PLANNER

13 CONCERNING THE MEANING OF GRADE BEYOND AND FOR THE MATERIALS

14 RELATING TO THE HEIGHT OF THESE TRELLISES AND GONE UNANSWERED.

15 A GRADE BEYOND WOULD APPEAR TO MEAN THAT THE BASE LEVEL OF THE

16 MEASUREMENTS WOULD BE ABOVE GROUND LEVEL TO MAKE IT APPEAR THE

17 TRELLIS WOULD MEET THE HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS. EXHIBIT 3, A

18 LETTER FROM GREG ANDRATI, ARCHITECT, NOTES THAT THE GRADE

19 BEYOND IS A TWO DIMENSIONAL ELEVATION VIEW, MISLEADING AND

20 DOES NOT REFLECT THE ACTUAL MEASUREMENTS OF THE TRELLISES.

21 EXHIBIT 4, A TOPOGRAPHY MAP, SHOWS THE ACTUAL MEASUREMENTS OF

22 THE PROPOSED TRELLISES TO BE 4 FOOT 10 INCHES OVER THE 35-FOOT

23 HEIGHT CODE. WE DO NOT WANT TO SET A PRECEDENT OVER 35 FEET IN

24 OUR COMMUNITY. OUR PROPERTY VALUES ARE GREATLY IMPACTED IN THE

25 SURROUNDING VIEWS. C.V.S. 'S ROOF IS IN A PATH OF A KNOWN WIND



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1 TUNNEL AND I PROBABLY KNOW BETTER SINCE I LIVE ABOVE THE
2 C.V.S. A TORNADO HIT THE LADERA AREA IN DECEMBER 2004,
3 SNAPPING TREES IN MY BACKYARD AND BLOWING OUT A PICTURE FRAME
4 WINDOW IN MY HOUSE. JUST DOWN THE STREET, IT RIPPED OFF A
5 ROOF OF A HOUSE. IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO BRACE THESE
6 TRELLISES WHEN RAISED ANOTHER 7 FEET TO SAFELY MOUNT THESE
7 ANTENNAS WITHOUT DRAMATICALLY CHANGING THE AESTHETICS. IT IS
8 SIMPLY DISHONEST FOR JUST T-MOBILE TO CLAIM THESE WOODEN
9 TRELLISES CAN LOOK THE SAME AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN PROPERLY
10 ENGINEERED TO MOUNT THESE ANTENNAS SAFELY. WE DO NOT WANT THEM
11 HIGHER OR CHANGED IN ANY WAY OTHER THAN TO ACCEPT THE COVER BY
12 FLOWERING VINES AS INTENDED AND PROMISED. I GAVE YOU THE
13 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, WHICH YOU JUST RECEIVED, ITEM NUMBER
14 26 STATES "THE TRELLIS STRUCTURE SHOULD BE ERECTED ALONG THE
15 PERIMETER OF THE ROOF TOP PARKING AREA IN ORDER TO PROVIDE
16 SCREENING AND AESTHETICS. THESE TRELLISES ARE ON THE
17 NORTHERLY, EASTERLY AND WESTERLY FACES OF THE BUILDING AND
18 SHALL BE PLANTED WITH FAST GROWING VINES TO SOFTEN THE WALLS
19 AND THE BUILDINGS TO PROTECT THE RELIEF FROM THE ABUTTING
20 STREETS AND FROM THE ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES." WE
21 EXPECT MR. HAGEN TO FINALLY DO THE RIGHT THING AND PROVIDE THE
22 GREENERY AND THE VINES AND THE ROOF TOP SO PROMISED THE
23 COMMUNITY IN THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. WE KNOW THERE ARE TOO
24 MANY INSTANCES WHERE CELL SITES CATCH FIRE WHEN WORKMEN
25 SERVICE THEM. HOW SMART IS IT TO HAVE FOUR HIGH POWERED



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1 ANTENNAS SO CLOSE TO A PROPANE TANK? WE KNOW THAT CELL
2 PETROLEUM GASES DO NOT MIX, WITH EVIDENCE OF SCIENCE ARE
3 ASKING PEOPLE TO NOT USE CELL PHONES WHEN FUELING THEIR CARS.
4 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON MY COPY IT SAID 25 WAS THE TRELLIS.

7

8 **GARY GLESS:** ITEM NUMBER 25, THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

11

12 **JAMES BRAXTON:** MY NAME IS JAMES BRAXTON.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE'RE CALLING UP RANDALL PAULIN AND
15 SHELIA SMITH.

16

17 **JAMES BRAXTON:** MY NAME IS JAMES BRAXTON. I'M A RESIDENT OF THE
18 WINDSOR HILLS COMMUNITY. I'VE LIVED THERE FOR APPROXIMATELY 20
19 YEARS. WHAT I WANT TO DO IS KIND OF GIVE YOU AN OVERVIEW OF
20 THE WHAT T-MOBILE HAS DONE IN TERMS OF MISLEADING THE
21 COMMISSIONERS IN EARLIER HEARINGS. T-MOBILE 911 CLAIMS MISLED
22 COMMISSIONERS INTO BELIEVING THAT THIS FACILITY WOULD
23 SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF RESIDENTS BY PROVIDING AN
24 OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO PLACE 911 CALLS FIRST. T-MOBILE, AT
25 THE APRIL 9TH HEARING, MISLED COMMISSIONERS ON THE NUMBER OF



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1 911 CALLS MADE ON THE T-MOBILE NETWORK IN OUR AREA. SECOND, T-
2 MOBILE DISCREDITED OUR TESTIMONY CONCERNING THIS INFORMATION
3 AT THE JUNE 18TH HEARING BY INTRODUCING NEW STATISTICS WHICH
4 IT CLAIMED OUR TESTIMONY WAS ADDRESSING. THIRD, T-MOBILE
5 FAILED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PROBLEMS WITH 911 CALLS ON CELLULAR
6 PHONES. FINALLY, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS
7 FACILITY IS OTHER THAN TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE
8 SERVICES. AT THE HEARING APRIL THE NINTH, T-MOBILE
9 REPRESENTATIVES STATED THAT OVER 5,000 911 CELL CALLS WERE
10 MADE IN ONE MONTH. AND I'M TALKING ABOUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY
11 OF 2008 FROM OUR AREA ON T-MOBILE'S NETWORK ALONE. THIS
12 STATEMENT MADE NO SENSE, ESPECIALLY TO ONE RESIDENT WHO HAD
13 BEEN A 911 DISPATCHER FOR OVER 20 YEARS. AND BECAUSE THERE IS
14 NOT THAT MUCH ACTIVITY IN OUR AREA; HOWEVER, THE TWO
15 COMMISSIONERS INDICATED THAT THIS CLAIM ALONE JUSTIFIED THEIR
16 APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT. THE COMMUNITY IMMEDIATELY REQUESTED A
17 BREAKDOWN OF THE 5,000 CALLS TO FIND OUT HOW MANY WERE TRUE
18 EMERGENCIES AND WHERE THE CALLS HAD ORIGINATED. BUT THE T-
19 MOBILE REPRESENTATIVE REFUSED, STATING THAT HE HAD BEEN
20 ADVISED NOT TO PROVIDE TO US ANY INFORMATION UNLESS ORDERED TO
21 DO SO BY THE COUNTY. NOW, THIS IS EXHIBIT 19, EMAIL REQUEST
22 FOR 911 DATA. THE PLANNER, I'M TALKING ABOUT THE COUNTY
23 PLANNER, WOULD NOT MAKE THIS REQUEST ON OUR BEHALF BUT DID
24 FINALLY PROVIDE US WITH A MAP SUBMITTED BY THE T-MOBILE GROUP
25 PERTAINING TO THE 911 CALLS THAT SHOWED AN AREA MUCH LARGER



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1 THAN THAT COVERED BY THE PROPOSED SITE AND ALSO SHOWED THAT
2 OTHER T-MOBILE FACILITIES HAD GENERATED A GOOD PORTION OF
3 THESE CALLS NEAR A MUCH HEAVILY TRAFFICKED AREA. AND I'M
4 TALKING ABOUT LA CIENEGA AND THE 405 FREEWAY, WHICH IS NOT IN
5 PROXIMITY OF WHERE WE ARE. STILL, THE 5,000 NUMBER IN WHICH
6 WHICH-- I'M SORRY. THE 5,000 NUMBER IN THAT SAME MONTH PERIOD
7 DIDN'T ADD UP.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE THE MEMO. YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED.

10

11 **JAMES BRAXTON:** -- TO A C.H.P. AND THE C.H.P. INDICATED THAT
12 THIS WAS NOT-- ALL RIGHT. YOU GOT THE REST OF THE INFORMATION?

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES WE HAVE.

15

16 **JAMES BRAXTON:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

19

20 **MIRIAM NR:** MY NAME'S MIRIAM NAKAMURA-QUAN I LIVE AT 938 KEWEN
21 DRIVE IN PASADENA CALIFORNIA. I'VE COME ALL THE WAY HERE TO
22 SUPPORT WINDSOR HILLS AND THE COMMUNITY WHICH SAYS THAT THEY
23 ARE OPPOSING THIS T-MOBILE CELL TOWER AT THE C.V.S. PHARMACY.
24 THE COMMUNITY HAS VERY LOUDLY AND BEEN VERY PREPARED IN MAKING
25 THEIR STATEMENTS IN THIS INFORMATION THAT WINDSOR HILLS HAS



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1 SENT TO YOU HAS BEEN VERY WELL PREPARED. THEY'VE DONE THEIR
2 HOMEWORK. AND I DON'T BELIEVE THAT T-MOBILE HAS. T-MOBILE IS
3 TRYING TO SELL MORE AND MORE WIRELESS PRODUCTS. AND IT REALLY
4 ISN'T THE COMMUNITY'S BURDEN TO ABSORB THAT KIND OF
5 INFRASTRUCTURE. THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO INCREASE THEIR
6 INFRASTRUCTURE AND MARKET SHARES AT THE DETRIMENT OF OUR
7 COMMUNITIES. RECENTLY THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT DECISION UPHELD
8 THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO'S WIRELESS ORDINANCE, WHICH WOULD GIVE
9 EVERY MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT THE RIGHT TO SAY NO TO THESE
10 TELECOMS. IN THE INSTANCE OF THE C.V.S. PHARMACY CELL TOWER
11 SITE, IT SETS A PRECEDENT WHERE CURRENTLY COLLOCATION IS
12 ENCOURAGED. AND ALSO THERE'S LANGUAGE IN THE NEW L.A. COUNTY
13 LANGUAGE ORDINANCE THAT SAYS THAT THEY ALSO ENCOURAGE
14 COLLOCATION. SO IF YOU OPEN THE DOOR TO SAY YES TO THIS ONE
15 SITE, YOU'RE SAYING YES TO COLLOCATION AT THAT SITE AND
16 OPENING IT UP TO EVERY OTHER TELECOM, WHICH THERE IS ABOUT
17 NINE LOCAL TELECOMS IN OUR IMMEDIATE AREA. I WANTED TO ADD
18 THAT DURING THE CHINO EARTHQUAKE, MY LAND LINE CAME UP A LOT
19 SOONER THAN MY CELL PHONE, WHEN I WAS USING IT. SO THIS IS AN
20 EMPIRIC, REAL LIFE INCIDENT WHERE MY CELL PHONE DID NOT WORK
21 AFTER THE CHINO HILLS EARTHQUAKE LOCATED, I'M LOCATED IN
22 PASADENA. THERE IS MORE REDUNDANCY IN THE LAND LINES. AND THE
23 TELECOMS DON'T HAVE THAT REDUNDANCY IN THEIR CELL NETWORKS
24 CURRENTLY. I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THAT THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS DOES HAVE THE POWER TO SAY NO TO THIS CELL SITE,



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1 AND THE COMMUNITY HAS REALLY MADE A MAXIMUM EFFORT TO TELL
2 THEM THAT THEY DON'T WANT THIS CELL SITE AT THE C.V.S. AND I
3 WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR BRINGING IT THIS FAR. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

6

7 **RANDALL PAULIN:** MY NAME IS RANDALL PAULIN. I'M A RESIDENT OF
8 ARCH CREST BOULEVARD IN WINDSOR HILLS. I'VE GOT AN ENGINEERING
9 BACKGROUND AND I'VE REVIEWED SOME OF THE DOCUMENTS THAT HAVE
10 BEEN ASSEMBLED BY THE COMMUNITY. IN ADDITION TO SECTION J OF
11 THE COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE AND MY ADDENDUM, I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS
12 A FEW POINTS AND THEN COMMENT ON SECTION-- EXHIBIT 28. I'LL BE
13 HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS, AS WELL. THE TRELLISES THAT ARE
14 PROPOSED FOR THIS SITE AS MOUNTING POINTS CANNOT BE RAISED
15 SIGNIFICANTLY AND GIVEN SUBSTANTIAL REINFORCEMENT BRACING
16 REQUIRED TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL WEIGHT AND EQUIPMENT WITHOUT
17 DRAMATICALLY ALTERING THEIR APPEARANCE AND DEFEATING THE
18 ORIGINALLY INTENDED DECORATIVE PURPOSES. CELLULAR ANTENNAS ARE
19 MOUNTED HIGH FOR FUNCTIONAL REASONS AND DESIGNED WITH
20 RADIATION PATTERNS TO SPREAD HORIZONTALLY AND PARTIALLY
21 DOWNWARD. THIS IS EXTREMELY LOW PLACEMENT AND INAPPROPRIATE
22 FOR SPACE DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR PUBLIC ACCESS. WE'VE GONE
23 INTO DETAIL BASED UPON REAL ANTENNA RADIATION PATTERNS
24 SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED EQUIPMENT THAT THE SIMPLIFIED
25 ANTENNA MODELING FROM T-MOBILE'S GROSSLY DEFICIENT SIMPLIFIED



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1 REPORT IS NOT WITH ITS 2 POINT SAMPLES PER ARRAY. ACCORDING TO
2 OUR CALCULATIONS DONE BY ENGINEERS IN THE INDUSTRY, SEVERAL
3 AREAS COMMONLY ACCESSED BY THE PUBLIC EXCEED F.C.C. LIMITS FOR
4 EXPOSURE TO ENERGY IN THE SPECTRUM. NO PROCESS APPEARS TO BE
5 IN PLACE FOR DELIVERING ONGOING OVERSIGHT FOR COMPLIANCE ON
6 THE SITE. PROPER COURSE OF ACTION SHOULD BE TO EXPLORE
7 COLLOCATIONS FOR SERVICES WITH FACILITIES WHICH ALREADY COVER
8 THE AREA OR TO MOUNT ON A MORE APPROPRIATE STRUCTURE AT A
9 DIFFERENT LOCATION AT A TALLER ALTITUDE. BUT TO FOCUS ON A FEW
10 ELEMENTS FROM OUR EXHIBIT 28, WHICH IS A SLIDE SET, INCLUDING
11 OVERLAYS OF ANTENNA PATTERNS, ON THAT SET, ON SLIDE NUMBER 2,
12 PLEASE NOTE THAT THE F.C.C. HAS SET ACCEPTABLE SAFE EXPOSURE
13 LIMITS FOR P.C.S. BASE STATIONS FOR PUBLIC ACCESS AT THE 1
14 MILOWATT PER CENTIMETER SQUARED RANGE. NORMALLY ONLY AN ISSUE
15 WHEN PUBLIC ACCESS TO ROOF TOPS IS ALLOWED IN SUCH
16 INSTALLATIONS. ON SLIDE 6, NOTE THAT GANG TRANSMITTERS WILL BE
17 APPROXIMATELY 1,000 WATTS IN SECTOR C OF THE PROPOSED
18 INSTALLATION. ON SLIDE 7 AND 8, NOTE THE RADIATION PATTERNS OF
19 THE SPECIFIED ANTENNAS FROM THE SPECIFICATION SHEETS FOR THESE
20 ANTENNAS INCLUDES SIGNIFICANT AREAS OF EXPOSURE BEHIND AND
21 BELOW THE INSTALLATION. THIS IS MORE COMPLEX THAN MODELING
22 NOW--
23
24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
25 YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.



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2 **SHEILA SMITH:** GOOD MORNING. I'M SHEILA SMITH. ALSO A RESIDENT

3 OF THE WINDSOR HILLS COMMUNITY. AND I CONSIDER IT FRANKLY MY

4 DUTY, OUR DUTY COLLECTIVELY, TO NOT ONLY IMPROVE OUR

5 PROPERTIES BUT THE AMBIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT, BECAUSE OUR

6 RESOURCES ARE LIMITED. I THINK WE ALL UNDERSTAND THAT AS

7 AMERICAN CITIZENS. WHEN WE FIRST MOVED TO THE COMMUNITY, THERE

8 WAS A REXALL DRUGSTORE. PERHAPS I'M DATING MYSELF BY EVEN

9 SAYING REXALL. THERE WAS ALSO A SUPERMARKET, THE FOX HILLS

10 SUPERMARKET ON THE CORNER. THERE WAS A POST OFFICE THERE. IN

11 ANY EVENT, AS WE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER, IT TOOK US EIGHT YEARS

12 TO RESTORE A PHARMACY TO THAT CORNER, THAT DRUGSTORE, EIGHT

13 YEARS. IN ADDITION TO THAT, THOUGH, THERE WERE PROMISES MADE

14 TO US AS WE WORKED TOGETHER COLLECTIVELY, AND I KNOW THAT YOU

15 WILL REMEMBER THAT. COLLECTIVELY THE DEVELOPER TOLD US, OF

16 COURSE, THAT THERE WOULD BE ENHANCEMENTS. THERE WOULD BE

17 CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THAT PARTICULAR AREA. THOSE PROMISES

18 HAVE NOT BEEN KEPT. I THINK YOU HAVE TO ALMOST GO TO THE AREA

19 AND LOOK TO SEE, TO LOOK OUT OF YOUR WINDOW, TO NOTE THAT

20 VIEWS CERTAINLY ARE IMPORTANT. I HAVE DONE SO. IT'S IMPORTANT

21 TO US THAT NOT JUST THE CITY BUT THE COUNTY ALSO IMPROVE ITS

22 PROPERTIES AND THAT WE NOT CONTINUALLY MARCH ACROSS THE CITY

23 AND DELIBERATELY CAUSE BLIGHT. IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND IT

24 IS THE BUSINESS OF EVERYONE. AND I APPLAUD YOU FOR YOUR

25 INTEREST IN THE MATTER AND CONSIDERATION WITH IT. WHEN THE T-



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1 MOBILE REPRESENTATIVE CAME TO SEE US, HE INDEED DID NOT KNOW
2 ENOUGH ABOUT THE AREA, THE HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS AND SO ON TO
3 ACTUALLY DO THE OUTREACH THAT HE PURPORTED TO DO. IT'S
4 IMPORTANT TO US THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO ENHANCE,
5 BEAUTIFY, TO EXTEND THE SERVICES, NOT FOR MYSELF, BUT TO LEAVE
6 A LEGACY THAT IS IMPORTANT FOR OTHERS WHO COME BEHIND ME. I'M
7 A U.C.L.A. GRAD., AND PART OF WHAT I USED TO DO WHEN I TOOK
8 EXAMS, IT ALMOST MAKES ME CRY, IS I THANKED MY PARENTS AND I
9 THANKED THE CITIZENS OF CALIFORNIA. AND I WANT TO GIVE BACK.
10 WE DO. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE MAINTAIN AND EXTEND OUR
11 PROPERTIES AND LEAVE IT FOR THOSE WHO COME BEHIND US IN BETTER
12 CONDITION THAN WE FOUND IT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES THE STATEMENTS OF
15 THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK. I DO WANT TO RECOGNIZE, WE
16 RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, FROM
17 COMMISSIONER TIMOTHY ALLEN SIMON, WHICH WAS REQUESTED BY
18 SENATOR MARK RIDLEY THOMAS, AND HE INDICATES THAT HE WILL HAVE
19 HIS STAFF INVESTIGATE THE ISSUES. I HAVE THIS MOTION THAT I
20 WILL READ AT THIS TIME. THE APPLICANT IS PROPOSING TO INSTALL
21 A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY IN AN AREA WHERE SEVERAL
22 SUCH FACILITIES OPERATED BY SEVERAL DIFFERENT OPERATORS,
23 INCLUDING THE APPLICANT, CURRENTLY EXIST. THROUGHOUT THE
24 PROCESS, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE EXPRESSED SIGNIFICANT
25 INTEREST IN AND CONCERN ABOUT THE PROPOSED FACILITY, INCLUDING



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1 CONCERNS THAT THE APPLICANT HAS FAILED TO PROVIDE THE
2 COMMUNITY WITH SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT
3 DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS. THE COMMUNITY HAS EXPRESSED
4 CONCERNS THAT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE PROLIFERATION OF
5 WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES NEAR RESIDENTIAL USES
6 WILL AFFECT THE CHARACTER OF THE SURROUNDING RESIDENTIAL
7 NEIGHBORHOOD AND CREATE VISUAL BLIGHT. THE NEIGHBORS REQUESTED
8 INFORMATION REGARDING HOW THE PROPOSED FACILITY WOULD IMPACT
9 VIEWS FROM SURROUNDING HOMES, PARTICULARLY THOSE ADJACENT TO
10 THE PROPOSED SITE AND WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY CORRESPONDING
11 IMPACT ON PROPERTY VALUES. THE APPLICANT TO DATE HAS NOT
12 PROVIDED SUFFICIENT INFORMATION REGARDING POTENTIAL VIEW
13 IMPACT. SEVERAL OTHER WIRELESS FACILITIES CURRENTLY EXIST IN
14 THE SURROUNDING AREA, WHICH MAY PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
15 COLLOCATION. THE COMMUNITY REQUESTS INFORMATION REGARDING
16 POTENTIAL COLLOCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS FACILITY.
17 HOWEVER, THE APPLICANT HAS NOT PROVIDED SUCH INFORMATION.
18 ADDITIONALLY, THE APPLICANT STATED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING
19 BEFORE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION THAT ALTERNATIVE
20 LOCATIONS FOR THE WIRELESS FACILITY WERE CONSIDERED BUT NOT
21 FOUND TO BE SUITABLE. THE APPLICANT, HOWEVER, DID NOT PROVIDE
22 SUFFICIENT INFORMATION REGARDING THESE POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVE
23 SITES. FURTHER, INCONSISTENT INFORMATION HAS BEEN PRESENTED
24 REGARDING THE POTENTIAL BENEFICIAL IMPACTS THAT THIS FACILITY
25 WOULD HAVE ON 911 CALLS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES. SUCH



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1 BENEFICIAL IMPACTS PLAYED A ROLE IN THE REGIONAL PLANNING
2 COMMISSION'S DECISION TO APPROVE THIS PROJECT; HOWEVER,
3 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE IMPACT ON
4 CALLS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE IS NECESSARY. SEVERAL UNANSWERED
5 QUESTIONS AND THE NEED FOR MORE INFORMATION, CLARIFICATION
6 REMAIN REGARDING, 1, VIEW IMPACT AND EFFECT ON THE SURROUNDING
7 NEIGHBORHOOD. 2, COLLOCATION OPPORTUNITIES. 3, ALTERNATIVE
8 SITES. 4, IMPACTS ON 911 CALLS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE WITHIN A
9 1-MILE RADIUS OF SLAUSON AVENUE AND OVERHILL DRIVE WITH DATA
10 SUPPLIED FROM T-MOBILE. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE
11 THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REFER THE REQUEST FOR PROJECT NUMBER
12 R2006-03164-(2) CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER. 2007-00020-(2)
13 BACK TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IN ORDER TO EVALUATE
14 THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES SET FORTH ABOVE. THAT'S SECONDED BY
15 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, THAT COMPLETES THE PUBLIC
18 HEARINGS FOR TODAY.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE WILL NOW GO TO THE REGULAR
21 AGENDA. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I THINK THAT YOU'RE UP FIRST. DO
22 YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS? DO YOU HAVE ANY MATTERS YOU'RE
23 CALLING? ALL RIGHT, THEN. I THINK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY-- DO
24 YOU WANT TO CALL UP 23 AND 24? THE TWO PROPOSITIONS? WELL,
25 I'LL CALL THEM UP. I'LL DO MY ADJOURNMENTS AFTER WE CALL THOSE



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1 UP. BECAUSE I HAVE MY ADJOURNMENTS AND I HAVE THE ADJOURNMENTS
2 FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD AND DO THEM.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SHOULD I DO THOSE ADJOURNMENTS FIRST? I'LL
7 CALL SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S ADJOURNMENTS. THE FIRST IS KEN
8 LAMB. KEN LAMB, AGE 55, WAS DUBBED THE "BABE RUTH OF THE
9 JUDICIAL SYSTEM." KEN WAS A FORMER POLICE SERGEANT AND 25-YEAR
10 VETERAN OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.
11 THE VOLUME OF FELONY MURDER TRIALS KEN ARGUED WAS 622 IN HIS
12 CAREER, A CASELOAD THAT MADE HEADLINES IN THE LOCAL PAPER.
13 AFTER HIS PROMOTION TO SERGEANT IN SOUTHWEST DIVISION IN 1979
14 HE BEGAN WORKING TOWARD A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC
15 ADMINISTRATION AT CAL. STATE L.A. AND A LAW DEGREE AT
16 WHITTIER, LOS ANGELES. ANTHONY BOGOSIAN. ANTHONY BOGOSIAN
17 PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 1ST AT THE AGE OF 71. ANTHONY WAS A
18 LICENSED JEWELER FOR BOTH THE 1984 AND 1996 U.S. OLYMPICS AS
19 WELL AS THE 1994 WORLD CUP. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
20 CHRISTINE, DAUGHTER ANNE MARIE, AND SON JOSEPH. AND JACQUELINE
21 ELLITHORTE. JACQUELINE ELLITHORTE RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.
22 JACQUELINE WAS A RESIDENT OF FULLERTON. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
23 SISTER JOY, AND BROTHER BUDD, WHO IS KNOWN TO MANY FOR HIS
24 CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS IN THE SAN FERNANDO, SANTA CLARITA
25 VALLEY. SO ORDERED. I HAD ALSO KEN LAMB FROM SUPERVISOR KNABE,



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1 SO THAT'S ALL MEMBERS. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ON BEHALF OF
2 SUPERVISOR KNABE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ERNIE MIAMOTO, A
3 31 YEAR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY AND EMPLOYEE OF THE CHIEF
4 EXECUTIVE OFFICER. ERNIE MIYAMOTO PASSED AWAY SEPTEMBER 21ST;
5 HE WAS A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF THE KNABES AND COLLEAGUE TO MANY
6 OF US IN THE COUNTY FAMILY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ESTHER
7 AND TWO SONS JEFF AND DARREN. AND DR. EMMANUEL NACU, AND THIS
8 IS IN BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR KNABE. DR. NACU, DOCTOR OF
9 DENTISTRY, PASSED AWAY SEPTEMBER 11TH. HE WAS BORN DECEMBER
10 25TH, 1933, IN THE PHILIPPINES AND WAS 74 YEARS OLD. HE WILL
11 BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND NOW MY ADJOURNMENTS.
12 FIRST FRED EUGENE CRESSEL, LONG- TIME LOS ANGELES RESIDENT AND
13 BUSINESSMAN WHO SERVED ON THE COMPTON CITY COUNCIL FROM 1995
14 TO '99. HE RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 71. HE LEAVES TO
15 CHERISH HIS MEMORY A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. BRYAN RICHARD
16 FROST. U.S.C. FILM STUDENT WHO RECENTLY DIED FROM INJURIES
17 SUSTAINED IN AN ALTERCATION NEAR U.S.C. CAMPUS. HE RECENTLY
18 TRANSFERRED TO U.S.C. AFTER TWO YEARS AT THE U.S. MILITARY
19 ACADEMY AT WEST POINT, NEW YORK. HE WAS GETTING HIS SECOND
20 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN THE CINEMA SCHOOL AFTER EARNING ONE FROM
21 ECONOMICS. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY A HOST OF FAMILY
22 AND FRIENDS. RANDY DOERSCHEL, LONG TIME CITY OF GARDENA
23 RESIDENT, WHO PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY ON SEPTEMBER 11TH. HE WAS A
24 MEMBER OF THE CULVER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT BEFORE BECOMING AN
25 INSURANCE AGENT IN 1975. HE WAS AN ACTIVE GARDENA COMMUNITY



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1 MEMBER INCLUDING PAST PRESIDENCY OF THE GARDENA CHAMBER OF
2 COMMERCE, A MEMBER OF LIONS CLUB, KIWANIS CLUB, ELKS CLUB OF
3 GARDENA AND THE Y.M.C.A. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY WIFE
4 OF 43 YEARS SHEILA, HIS CHILDREN DEBBY, DARREN, MICHAEL AND
5 TIFFANI AND SISTERS JEANNIE AND JOANIE. AND KATHY BAKER GREEN
6 RILEY, LONG TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY
7 MEMBER. SHE WAS KNOWN FOR HER GROUP THAT WAS ONE THAT SERVED
8 THE POOR, THAT PROVIDED GIVEAWAYS FOR CHRISTMAS AND
9 THANKSGIVING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND SHE
10 LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND
11 THOSE WHO BENEFITED FROM THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT SHE ORGANIZED,
12 "BRILLIANT EYES" WAS THE NAME OF HER ORGANIZATION. AND SHE
13 WOULD HAVE HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WHO SHE SERVED
14 ALSO. I KNOW THAT SHE BROUGHT IN THE BILLY BLAKE, THE PERSON
15 SO FAMOUS IN TERMS OF EXERCISING, TO HELP WITH HER IN TERMS OF
16 SERVING THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. AND NORMAN WHITFIELD,
17 MOTOWN PRODUCER AND GRAMMY-WINNING SONGWRITER WHO WAS
18 EXTREMELY INSTRUMENTAL IN ADVANCEMENT OF R&B AND SOUL MUSIC AT
19 MOTOWN RECORDS IN THE '60S AND '70S. HE RECENTLY PASSED AWAY
20 AT THE AGE OF 67 FROM DIABETES COMPLICATIONS. HE LEAVES TO
21 CHERISH HIS MEMORY A HOST OF COLLEAGUES, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
22 AND ABEL "AL" GALLETTI. THIS IS FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE AND
23 MYSELF. LONG TIME SAN PEDRO RESIDENT, DISTINGUISHED
24 BUSINESSMAN, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. HE DEVELOPED NUMEROUS
25 PROJECTS, INCLUDING DOUBLETREE HOTEL IN SAN PEDRO'S CABRILLO



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1 MARINA. HE FOUNDED THE "NIGHT OF A THOUSAND STARS" FOR THE
2 MARY STAR OF THE SEA HIGH SCHOOL AND SERVED AS CHAIRMAN AND
3 BOARD TO THE SAN PEDRO PENINSULA HOSPITAL. HE LEAVES TO
4 CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE SARAH, CHILDREN MARIA, LENA, SAMMY
5 AND JOEY. ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SO ORDERED.
6 I'LL CALL UP ITEM 23 AND 24. WE'LL CALL 23 FIRST. SUPERVISOR
7 YAROSLAVSKY, I BELIEVE IT'S YOUR MOTION.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, BOTH ITEM 23 AND 24 ARE
10 REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TAKE A
11 POSITION IN OPPOSITION TO EACH OF THOSE MEASURES, PROPOSITION
12 4 AND PROPOSITION 8. THIS ONE, ITEM NUMBER 23, IS A MOTION TO
13 OPPOSE PROPOSITION 4. THE BOARD HAS OPPOSED SIMILAR
14 PROPOSITIONS ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS IN THE LAST FOUR OR SO
15 YEARS. THIS IS THE SO-CALLED PARENT CONSENT ISSUE. WE'VE MADE
16 THAT CASE BEFORE. IF I COULD TAKE 30 SECONDS FOR THE VIEWERS
17 WHO ARE WATCHING NOW TO MAKE THE CASE AGAIN THAT FOR A VARIETY
18 OF REASONS, YOUNG WOMEN WHO GET PREGNANT AND WHO WANT TO VISIT
19 A PHYSICIAN AND ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF THE PREGNANCY DO NOT
20 WANT TO-- OR CAN'T, FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, SPEAK TO THEIR
21 GUARDIAN OR THEIR PARENT. THEIR PARENT MAY BE ABUSIVE. THE
22 CULTURE OF THE HOUSEHOLD MAY BE SUCH THAT THEY FEAR THE
23 CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH A CONVERSATION, WOULD BE HARMFUL AND
24 THEY'RE SCARED, PLAIN SCARED. AND IT'S BEEN THIS BOARD'S VIEW,
25 BOTH AS A POLITICAL BODY AND AS A BODY THAT GOVERNS THE



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1 LARGEST PUBLIC HEALTHCARE SYSTEM WEST OF THE HUDSON RIVER,
2 THAT THESE KINDS OF DECISIONS OUGHT TO BE LEFT TO, IN THESE
3 INSTANCES, BETWEEN THE DOCTOR AND THE PATIENT. IT'S OPPOSED BY
4 A WIDE VARIETY OF ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS-- UP AND DOWN THE
5 STATE. IT'S BEEN DEFEATED TWICE BY THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA.
6 THE PROPONENTS OF THIS KEEP COMING BACK WITH IT. I WOULD ASK
7 THAT WE TAKE A POSITION IN OPPOSITION. I WOULD MOVE ITEM 23.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY MOLINA. I'LL SECOND IT. I'LL
10 SECOND IT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 24.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, ITEM 24 IS OPPOSITION TO THE
13 PROPOSITION 8, WHICH IS THE INITIATIVE THAT WAS QUALIFIED IN
14 RESPONSE TO THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION TO BAN SAME-SEX
15 MARRIAGE. I THINK THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF
16 CALIFORNIA, WHICH WAS APPOINTED LARGELY I THINK WITH ONE
17 EXCEPTION, THEY'RE ALL APPOINTED BY REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS,
18 VOTED TO-- RULED THAT BANNING-- RULED THAT A PROHIBITION ON
19 SAME-SEX MARRIAGE WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. IT WAS A LONG OPINION.
20 I THINK MANY OF US HAVE READ PARTS IF NOT ALL OF IT. I THOUGHT
21 IT WAS A VERY COURAGEOUS DECISION. BUT ACTUALLY I THINK THE
22 PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA HAVE MOVED IN THAT DIRECTION STEADILY
23 SINCE MASSACHUSETTS FIRST ENACTED A SIMILAR LAW. THE WORLD
24 DIDN'T COME TO AN END IN MASSACHUSETTS. IT DIDN'T COME TO AN
25 END IN CANADA WHERE THEY RECOGNIZE SAME SEX MARRIAGE OR OTHER



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1 JURISDICTIONS AROUND THE WORLD WHERE THEY RECOGNIZED IT. AND
2 MORE IMPORTANTLY, IN CALIFORNIA, SINCE THE SUPREME COURT
3 DECISION WAS ISSUED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, IT WENT INTO EFFECT
4 AND SEVERAL THOUSAND SAME-SEX COUPLES HAVE BEEN MARRIED. ASIDE
5 FROM THE STOCK MARKET, THE WORLD HAS NOT COME TO AN END AND I
6 DON'T THINK YOU CAN BLAME THE STOCK MARKET ON THE SUPREME
7 COURT DECISION. SO I THINK ESSENTIALLY THIS IS A LIVE-AND-LET-
8 LIVE ISSUE. IF PEOPLE WANT TO MAKE A LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO
9 ONE ANOTHER, UNDER THE MARRIAGE LAWS OF THE STATE OF
10 CALIFORNIA, THEY'RE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS OF CALIFORNIA'S
11 CIVIL LAW, BEREAVEMENT LEAVE. SURVIVAL BENEFITS. ALL THE
12 THINGS THAT GO ALONG WITH MARRIAGE. IT DOESN'T AFFECT ANYBODY
13 ELSE. IT DOESN'T AFFECT ME. IT DOESN'T AFFECT YOU. IF YOU
14 OPPOSE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE, YOU OPPOSE IT. BUT SOMEBODY ELSE
15 DECIDES, TWO SAME-SEX COUPLES DECIDE TO GET MARRIED, IT'S NOT
16 GOING TO AFFECT YOU ONE WHIT. I'M REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC THAT
17 PEOPLE HAVE BECOME A LOT MORE TOLERANT IN THIS STATE OVER THE
18 YEARS AND CONTINUE TO COME TO UNDERSTAND THESE ISSUES AS THEIR
19 CHILDREN EDUCATE THEM, AS MINE HAVE EDUCATED ME. SO I WOULD
20 ASK THAT WE TAKE A POSITION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 8. I
21 WANT TO TAKE THAT OPPORTUNITY AGAIN TO COMMEND OUR OWN
22 REGISTRAR, WHO UNDER-- REGISTRAR RECORDER WHO UNDER SOME
23 PRESSURE WHEN THE DECISION FINALLY CAME DOWN, DID AN
24 OUTSTANDING JOB IN MANAGING THE FLOOD OF APPLICATIONS. BUT



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1 IT'S SUBSIDED CONSIDERABLY SINCE THE FIRST WEEK OR TWO. SO I
2 WOULD MOVE OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 8.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL SECOND THAT. AND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
5 ORDERED. THE NEXT ITEM IS ITEM 28. GENEVIEVE? DR. CLAVREUL,
6 WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME FORWARD ON 28?

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THIS ALSO RELATES TO ITEM 37.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AFTER WE HEAR FROM DR. CLAVREUL,
11 I'D LIKE TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO COME FORWARD. WE ALSO HAVE
12 ONE OTHER PERSON THAT WANTS TO SPEAK ON 28. FRANK TAMBORELLO,
13 WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD, AS WELL? FRANK TAMBORELLO?

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
16 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I ASKED FOR THE SUPPORT DOCUMENT FOR
17 37 AND IT WAS GIVEN TO ME. BUT I THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE
18 TO REALLY IDENTIFY WHICH POSITIONS IN A NURSING GROUP WERE
19 AFFECTED BY THAT ORDINANCE. IT IS NOT OUTLINED AT ALL. BY THE
20 WAY, THE KIOSK YOU'RE HAVING OUTSIDE, THE TOP IS VERY NICE FOR
21 PEOPLE WHO DO NOT HAVE COMPUTER TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE
22 INFORMATION. SO I APPRECIATE THAT EFFORT THAT YOU GIVE HERE.
23 SO I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE SPECIFIC CATEGORIES OF NURSING
24 IDENTIFIED THAT ARE BEING CHANGED BY THE ORDINANCE. ALSO, I
25 HAVE AN ARTICLE THAT I WROTE TO THE EDITOR OF "L.A. TIMES"



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1 ABOUT THE QUALITY OF CARE AT KING-DREW. AND LAST WEEK, AFTER
2 THE EXPLOSIVE TESTIMONY OF MISS KATHERINE OCHOA AND HER
3 ASSAULT OVER SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SHE VERBALLY ASSAULTED ME. I
4 DON'T APPRECIATE THAT. IT SEEMS THAT ANYBODY FROM THE PUBLIC
5 HAS A RIGHT TO SPEAK. AND I RESENT SOMEBODY OF THE CALIBER OF
6 OCHOA TELLING ME I HAVE NO RIGHT TO COME TO SPEAK AT THE
7 BOARD. I HAVE WRITTEN A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U.,
8 AND I HOPE SOME SANCTION WILL BE TAKEN. THAT'S A COPY OF MY
9 LETTER. AND ALSO I HAD ASKED TO HAVE A COPY OF PATRICIA
10 MILLER'S EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AS WELL AS CONFLICT OF
11 INTEREST. I WAS TOLD SHE HAD 30 DAYS TO PRODUCE THE CONFLICT
12 OF INTEREST DOCUMENT. IT'S STILL NOT PRODUCED. SHE WAS FIRST
13 VETTED ON AUGUST 11TH.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU MEAN CAUSE OF CONFLICT AS A RESULT OF
16 WORKING IN MY OFFICE?

17

18 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ANY KIND. I WANT THAT DOCUMENT SIGNED
19 SHOWING SHE HAS NO CONFLICT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DON'T WE ALL FILE THOSE? THOSE DISCLOSURES
22 DOCUMENT, ALL EMPLOYEES. YES, THEY'RE ON FILE.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO, NOT ALL, BUT THERE ARE CLASSIFICATIONS,
25 YES.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND SO SHE HAS 30 DAYS AFTER SHE TAKES THAT
3 POSITION TO RE-FILE THE ONE FROM OUR OFFICE. FRANK TAMBORELLO?
4 WHERE IS HE? ALL RIGHT. WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME FORWARD? AND
5 THEN WE WILL ASK THE DEPARTMENT-- DR. CLAVREUL, WAS THAT ON 28
6 AND 37? OKAY, GREAT, THANK YOU.

7

8 **FRANK TAMBORELLO:** GOOD MORNING. I'M FRANK TAMBORELLO, I'M THE
9 DIRECTOR OF HUNGER ACTION LOS ANGELES, AND WE'RE A NONPROFIT
10 GROUP ENDING HUNGER AND PROMOTING HEALTHY EATING THROUGH
11 PUBLIC POLICY. AND WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR THE
12 DEMANDS OF THE STUDENT WORKERS SPONSORED BY S.E.I.U. LOCAL
13 721. THE ISSUE OF THE STUDENT WORKERS FOR THE COUNTY IS ONE OF
14 SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND PARADOXICALLY, AND ONE IN WHICH THE COUNTY
15 IS CONTRADICTING ITS OWN STATED PHILOSOPHY OF "A JOB, A BETTER
16 JOB, A CAREER." THE COUNTY C.E.O. HAS REJECTED A REQUEST BY
17 THE STUDENT WORKERS TO CREATE A CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PATH TO
18 PERMANENCY PROPOSAL. THE COUNTY IS UNFAIRLY BLOCKING STUDENT
19 WORKERS FROM USING THEIR EXPERIENCE TO MOVE FORWARD IN LIFE.
20 FOR SOME BACKGROUND, THE STUDENT WORKERS, NUMBERING AT LEAST
21 800, ARE PAID TWO TO FIVE TIMES LESS THAN PERMANENT COUNTY
22 EMPLOYEES, EVEN THOUGH IN MOST CASES THEY DO THE SAME WORK.
23 THEY LABOR FOR 20 TO 40 HOURS A WEEK AND STUDY PART-TIME AT
24 NIGHT AND ON WEEKENDS. THEY'RE PAID SO LOW THAT THEY COULD
25 QUALIFY FOR SUCH BENEFITS AS FOOD STAMPS, BUT THEY'RE WORKING,



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1 STUDYING, AND EVEN SUPPORTING OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. THEY ARE
2 DOING EXACTLY WHAT THE COUNTY WANTS ITS WELFARE PARTICIPANTS
3 TO DO. THE SLOGAN OF THE COUNTY'S WELFARE TO WORK PROGRAM IS"
4 A JOB, A BETTER JOB, A CAREER." YET THE STUDENT WORKERS ARE
5 NOT GIVEN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS WHICH WOULD ALLOW
6 THEM TO USE THEIR EXPERIENCE TO GET PERMANENT JOBS WITH THE
7 COUNTY AND HIGHER PAY SO THEY COULD GET OUT OF POVERTY. IF "A
8 JOB, A BETTER JOB, A CAREER" IS GOOD FOR THE CALWORKS
9 PARTICIPANTS WHY NOT FOR THE REGULAR WORKERS? WHY WOULD THE
10 COUNTY BLOCK EXPERIENCED PEOPLE FROM GETTING BETTER JOBS? IN
11 SOME CASES THE STUDENT WORKERS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
12 TRAINING PERMANENT COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND EVEN ACTING AS
13 SUPERVISORS. YET THIS EXPERIENCE IS INVALIDATED BY THE LACK OF
14 AN EVALUATION PROCESS. THE STUDENT WORKERS ARE KEPT IN A
15 TWILIGHT ZONE DOING THE WORK OF REGULAR EMPLOYEES BUT NOT
16 HAVING THAT WORK RECOGNIZED WHEN THEY ATTEMPT TO BECOME
17 REGULAR EMPLOYEES. THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BY
18 PLAYING A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE CASES OF STUDENT WORKERS.
19 THE PRIMARY ISSUE IS NOT THAT OF THE NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED OR
20 THE PAY THEY RECEIVED, ALTHOUGH THIS OF COURSE WOULD HELP WITH
21 THE IMMEDIATE CONDITION OF POVERTY. THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE
22 COUNTY WON'T DO THE EVALUATIONS OR MAKE IT ANY EASIER FOR
23 PEOPLE WHO ALREADY HAVE COUNTY EXPERIENCE TO GET THE REAL
24 COUNTY JOBS. THE COUNTY SHOULD ABIDE BY ITS SLOGAN OF "A JOB,
25 A BETTER JOB, A CAREER" AND REWARD THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE



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1 CHOSEN TO WORK AND STUDY RATHER THAN RELY ON PUBLIC BENEFITS,
2 BY AT LEAST GIVING THEM A CHANCE TO FILL A POSITION FOR WHICH
3 THEY'VE ALREADY GAINED THE EXPERIENCE. AS IF THIS WERE NOT
4 ENOUGH, THE STUDENT WORKERS DON'T RECEIVE ANY KIND OF HEALTH
5 BENEFITS. WE'VE HEARD OF A WORKER WITH THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN
6 OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES DUE TO PNEUMONIA. WHEN THE STUDENT
7 WORKERS GET SICK, THEY MUST USE THE EXPENSIVE SAFETY NET
8 HEALTH SYSTEM. WOULDN'T IT BE CHEAPER AND MORE PRUDENT TO
9 GRANT THE WORKERS THE SAME INSURANCE THAT THE REGULAR COUNTY
10 WORKERS GET? HUNGER ACTION LOS ANGELES CONSISTS OF CONCERNED
11 CITIZENS FROM A WIDE SWATH OF SOCIETY, LOW INCOME PERSONS,
12 PEOPLE WHO DISTRIBUTE FOOD TO PROFESSIONALS. WE BELIEVE THE
13 ISSUE OF THE STUDENT WORKERS IS ONE OF MANY IN TODAY'S
14 ECONOMIC CRISIS. BUT THE COUNTY CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS
15 ONE EASILY IF IT WANTED TO. GIVE THESE STUDENT WORKERS THE
16 CHANCE TO USE THE EXPERIENCE THEY'RE GAINING TO MOVE FROM A
17 JOB TO A BETTER JOB TO A CAREER. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE HAROLD STERKER, KEESHA
20 REED AND BOB SCHOONOVER. PLEASE COME FORWARD. COULD WE HAVE
21 MIKE HENRY COME FORWARD, TOO? DID YOU REQUEST THAT WE HEAR
22 FROM MIKE HENRY FIRST? NO ONE REQUESTED THAT? AND THEN WE WILL
23 CALL--

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1 **MIKE HENRY:** MADAME CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, OUR STUDENT
2 WORKER PROGRAM IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR EMPLOYEE
3 WORKFORCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE EMPLOY ON ANY GIVEN DAY
4 ABOUT 829 STUDENT WORKERS. THIS LONG-STANDING PROGRAM WAS THE
5 DESIGN TO GIVE STUDENTS WORK EXPERIENCE WHILE THEY ARE WORKING
6 TOWARD THEIR EDUCATION OBJECTIVES. AND THE EMPHASIS IS ON
7 STUDENTS. WE, IN OUR JOB BULLETINS NOW THAT ARE POSTED,
8 INDICATE THAT STUDENT WORKERS IS A PART-TIME POSITION. AND
9 THAT YOU HAVE TO BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE AND MUST BE
10 ENROLLED IN SCHOOL IN ORDER TO OCCUPY A STUDENT WORKER
11 POSITION. THE SERIES WAS DEVELOPED TO RECOGNIZE A PROGRESSIVE
12 PATH FOR STUDENTS TO GAIN WORK EXPERIENCE WHILE WORKING TOWARD
13 HIGHER EDUCATION. AND WE EMPHASIZE THAT THEY SHOULD MEET THOSE
14 HIGHER EDUCATION GOALS. HOWEVER, IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS,
15 WE'VE BEEN LOOKING AT DATA AS IT RELATES TO STUDENT WORKERS,
16 AND WE'VE IDENTIFIED SEVERAL PROBLEMS WITH THE PROGRAM. ONE,
17 WE'VE IDENTIFIED THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 64 STUDENT WORKERS WHO
18 HAVE WORKED MORE THAN SIX YEARS IN THAT POSITION, SOME EVEN
19 LONGER. WE'VE ALSO FOUND THAT APPROXIMATELY 18 OF THE STUDENT
20 WORKERS HAVE WORKED 40 HOURS OR MORE BASED ON DATA FROM
21 DECEMBER '07 TO AUGUST '08 OF THIS YEAR. WHILE AS YOUR
22 DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, I TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS
23 PROGRAM, CURRENTLY THE PROGRAM IS DELEGATED TO COUNTY
24 DEPARTMENTS TO MANAGE. IT IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT IN SOME
25 INSTANCES, DEPARTMENTS HAVE FAILED TO ADHERE TO SOME OF THE



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1 MOST SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS RELATED TO THIS PROGRAM. ONE,
2 IGNORING THE FACT THAT JOB SPECS IN THE BULLETIN ONLY ALLOW
3 FOR STUDENTS TO WORK PART-TIME. ALSO, THAT DEPARTMENTS HAVE
4 NOT MONITORED THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS OF THESE STUDENTS TO
5 MAKE SURE, THE FACT THAT THEY ARE ENROLLED IN SCHOOL AND THAT
6 THEY ARE CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION. WE PLAN TO WORK WITH THE
7 C.E.O. AS WELL AS THE UNIONS TO WORK ON A COUNTY-WIDE POLICY
8 THAT WILL DO THE FOLLOWING: ONE, REAFFIRM THAT A STUDENT
9 WORKER MUST BE 16 YEARS OF AGE, AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE AND
10 MUST BE ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL, JUNIOR COLLEGE, COLLEGE OR
11 WORKING ON A HIGHER DEGREE. WE ALSO WANT TO REALLY HONE IN ON
12 A COUPLE OF AREAS THAT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE STUDENT WORKERS
13 ARE TEMPORARY, PART-TIME EMPLOYEES THAT WILL NOT EXCEED 40-
14 HOUR PER WORK WEEK DURING NONINSTRUCTIONAL PERIODS AND 20
15 HOURS OF WORK, IF YOU WILL, DURING INSTRUCTIONAL PERIODS. AND
16 MUST MAINTAIN A C OR BETTER GRADE POINT AVERAGE. WE ALSO WANT
17 TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE PERFORMING DUTIES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN
18 VALUABLE WORK EXPERIENCE. AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY
19 STRIVE TO ATTAIN THEIR CERTIFICATION OR DEGREE WITHIN A SIX-
20 YEAR PERIOD OF TIME. TO DO THIS, THERE IS A COUPLE THINGS THAT
21 WE'RE WORKING ON AND WE'LL BE RECOMMENDING. ONE, IN DEVELOPING
22 THIS POLICY, WE DISSEMINATE THE POLICY TO ALL COUNTY
23 DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS BEING FOLLOWED. WE WILL
24 AUDIT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT POLICY IS BEING FOLLOWED. FOR
25 THOSE STUDENTS THAT HAVE WORKED MORE THAN SIX YEARS, WE WILL



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1 WORK WITH THOSE DEPARTMENTS ON A PLAN TO MOVE THEM TO OTHER
2 TEMPORARY JOBS. AND I THINK WITH THOSE PARTICULAR ISSUES AND
3 RECOMMENDATIONS, THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE THE STUDENT
4 WORKER PROGRAM A BETTER PROGRAM.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DON'T YOU HAVE SOME MINIMUM NUMBER OF UNITS
7 THEY HAVE TO HAVE AT A PARTICULAR TIME TO BE QUALIFIED AS A
8 STUDENT WORKER?

9

10 **MIKE HENRY:** ACTUALLY THE CURRENT JOB BULLETIN AND SPEC JUST
11 BASICALLY SAYS "ENROLLED IN AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE." IT DOESN'T
12 GIVE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF UNITS. THE NEW POLICY WE'RE BASICALLY
13 SAYING THAT WE WILL GIVE THEM SIX YEARS TO OBTAIN WHATEVER
14 CREDENTIAL THAT THEY'RE GOING FOR, AND THAT THEY HAVE TO
15 MAINTAIN A PASSING GRADE POINT AVERAGE. THERE ARE STUDENTS WHO
16 ARE GOING TO NIGHT SCHOOL. THERE ARE STUDENTS WHO ARE TAKING
17 INTERNET CLASSES. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO TRY AND PUT A
18 PARTICULAR UNIT, IF YOU WILL, REQUIREMENT FOR EACH YEAR.
19 STUDENTS SOMETIMES WILL BE ENROLLED IN SCHOOL FOR ONE
20 SEMESTER, MAY TAKE OFF FOR ONE SEMESTER AND THEN COME BACK FOR
21 ANOTHER SEMESTER. SO WE THOUGHT A BETTER APPROACH WOULD BE TO
22 CAP THE ENTIRE PROGRAM AT SIX YEARS TO GIVE STUDENTS THAT TIME
23 TO ACHIEVE THEIR CREDENTIALS.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** --PROGRAM FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS. NO ONE'S
3 MONITORED IT FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS.

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5 **MIKE HENRY:** THAT'S TRUE. VERY TRUE.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN IT'S
8 GOING TO HAPPEN NOW?

9

10 **MIKE HENRY:** WELL, WE HAVEN'T MONITORED AND WE HAVEN'T AUDITED.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING ON IT.

13

14 **MIKE HENRY:** THAT'S CORRECT.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IF AN EMPLOYER IS ABUSIVE OF ITS EMPLOYEES, AS
17 IT HAS BEEN IN THIS INSTANCE, WHAT DO WE DO WITH THAT
18 EMPLOYER?

19

20 **MIKE HENRY:** WELL, IF THE EMPLOYER'S BEEN ABUSIVE, THEN THE
21 DEPARTMENT HEAD, THAT SHOULD COME TO YOUR BOARD FOR YOUR BOARD
22 TO MAKE A DECISION ON THEIR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO ARE YOU GOING TO BRING THAT TO US?

25



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1 **MIKE HENRY:** YES, I WILL.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** MIKE, WE'RE IN A REALLY TOUGH SITUATION. SO WHAT
4 ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THESE 800 AND SOME ODD EMPLOYEES?
5 YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE THEM TEMPORARY WORKERS NOW?

6

7 **MIKE HENRY:** NO.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID.

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11 **MIKE HENRY:** NO, SUPERVISOR, I SAID THERE WERE 18 THAT EXCEEDED
12 THE 40 HOURS PER WEEK.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO DO THEY GET TIME AND A HALF AFTER 40 HOURS?

15

16 **MIKE HENRY:** IF THEY'RE WORKING OVERTIME, YES.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** DID THEY?

19

20 **MIKE HENRY:** I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE IF THEY DID OR NOT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL IF YOU ABUSED THEM FOR 40 HOURS, WHAT MAKES
23 YOU THINK THAT THEY WOULDN'T FOR THAT EXTRA HOUR? WHY WOULD
24 YOU PAY THEM OVERTIME?

25



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1 **MIKE HENRY:** WELL, THE DEPARTMENTS-- THIS WAS DELEGATED TO THE
2 DEPARTMENTS.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND IT'S DELEGATED. BUT, MIKE, LIKE
5 ANYTHING ELSE, THERE'S AN ASSUMPTION THAT IS MADE. I MEAN, I
6 WAS A STUDENT WORKER. BUT I WORKED FULL-TIME. AND I WENT TO
7 SCHOOL AT NIGHT. MOST OF US DID. AND I GOT VACATION, BENEFITS,
8 ALL THE THINGS. I WAS A FULL-TIME WORKER. BUT I ALSO WENT TO
9 SCHOOL AT NIGHT. THE OPPOSITE IS GOING ON HERE. THESE ARE
10 EMPLOYEES WHO ARE WORKING SOME 40 HOURS OR MORE A WEEK.

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12 **MIKE HENRY:** SOME 50.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** SUPPOSEDLY GOING TO SCHOOL FULL-TIME BUT YOU
15 DON'T KNOW THAT.

16

17 **MIKE HENRY:** NO, WE DON'T KNOW THAT AT THIS POINT IN TIME.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO YOU ARE NOW TELLING ME THAT I HAVE TO TRUST
20 THAT YOU WILL PUT SOME PROGRAM IN PLACE AND THAT IS SUPPOSED
21 TO RESOLVE ALL THESE ISSUES?

22

23 **MIKE HENRY:** TWO THINGS. ONE, WE WILL MONITOR. TWO, WE'RE GOING
24 TO TIGHTEN UP THE POLICY.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT EMPLOYEE THAT
2 WORKED WITH US FOR 28 YEARS AS A STUDENT WORKER? 38 HOURS A
3 WEEK. I THINK TWO MORE YEARS SHE WOULD HAVE QUALIFIED FOR A
4 REAL GOOD RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

5

6 **MIKE HENRY:** THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO IN TERMS OF THE PAST.
7 BUT WHAT WE CAN DO GOING FORWARD IS TO WORK WITH THE
8 DEPARTMENT FOR A PLAN TO PUT THAT PERSON ON--

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** MIKE, THIS IS REALLY DISGRACEFUL.

11

12 **MIKE HENRY:** I UNDERSTAND.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND YOU ALL HADN'T EVEN PULLED SOME OF THESE
15 NUMBERS. I MEAN, IF THIS IS A STUDENT WORKER THAT NEVER EVEN
16 QUALIFIED TO BECOME A STUDENT PROFESSIONAL WORKER. SO ALL THIS
17 TIME SHE'S BEEN MAKING MINIMUM WAGE FOR THOSE 28 YEARS. NO
18 BENEFITS. NO VACATION. NO SICK LEAVE. NO RETIREMENT.

19

20 **MIKE HENRY:** THAT'S CORRECT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SOUNDS LIKE AN ABUSIVE EMPLOYER.

23

24 **MIKE HENRY:** NOT NECESSARILY THAT, BUT CERTAINLY THE PROGRAM
25 WAS NOT ADMINISTERED THE WAY IT WAS INTENDED TO ADMINISTER IT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHO WAS ADMINISTERING IT?

3

4 **MIKE HENRY:** I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHICH DEPARTMENT THAT IS FOR
5 THAT PERSON YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT--

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU WANT ME TO EMBARRASS THEM PUBLICLY?

8

9 **MIKE HENRY:** NO. WHICHEVER DEPARTMENT THAT SHE WAS IN, THAT
10 SHE WORKED IN, IT WAS THAT RESPONSIBILITY OF THAT DEPARTMENT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT'S YOUR ANSWER, HUH? EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE
13 THE HEAD OF PERSONNEL, YOU PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE LOOKED AT
14 THESE ISSUES. ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO WE DEALT WITH TEMPORARY
15 EMPLOYEES.

16

17 **MIKE HENRY:** YES, WE DID.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THERE WERE ALL KINDS OF ABUSES THERE, AS
20 WELL.

21

22 **MIKE HENRY:** YES.

23



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WE ELIMINATED THAT PROGRAM. AND SUPPOSEDLY WE
2 NOW-- WHY WASN'T THIS CONSIDERED UNDER THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE
3 PROVISION?

4

5 **MIKE HENRY:** I CAN'T ANSWER THAT, SUPERVISOR.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU WERE IN CHARGE OF THAT PROGRAM. YOU BROUGHT
8 IT TO US.

9

10 **MIKE HENRY:** THAT'S CORRECT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, MIKE, I MEAN WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE
13 WALKING AROUND IN THE DARK. WE PUT PEOPLE IN CHARGE OF THESE
14 THINGS, AND YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CLUE. YOU NEVER RAN THESE
15 NUMBERS. YOU NEVER LOOKED AT ALL OF THESE EMPLOYEES, SOME OF
16 THEM BEEN WITH US 20 YEARS, SOME HAVE BEEN WITH US 19 YEARS,
17 17 YEARS. YOU DON'T TAKE ANY OWNERSHIP OF IT?

18

19 **MIKE HENRY:** NO. I SAID I TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

22

23 **MIKE HENRY:** MY PLAN IS TO PUT THE POLICY IN PLACE TO AUDIT THE
24 DEPARTMENT, TO MAKE SURE--

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT AGAIN, WE HAD A POLICY IN PLACE. AND IT
2 DIDN'T WORK.

3

4 **MIKE HENRY:** WELL, WE DIDN'T MONITOR. WE DIDN'T MONITOR. WE
5 DIDN'T CHECK THE RECORDS TO SEE WHAT THE DEPARTMENTS WERE
6 DOING.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** LIKE THOSE GUYS RIGHT NOW THAT ARE ON WALL STREET
9 BLAMING AND POINTING TO EVERYBODY, "I WASN'T RESPONSIBLE FOR
10 THAT." YET ALL OF A SUDDEN THEY'RE ASKING CONGRESS TO BAIL
11 THEM OUT OF THE PROBLEMS THEY HAVE AND NOT TAKING ANY
12 OWNERSHIP OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KIND OF CRITICAL SITUATION
13 THEY'VE GOTTEN US ALL INTO.

14

15 **MIKE HENRY:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, I AM TAKING THAT RESPONSIBILITY.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW ARE YOU TAKING THAT RESPONSIBILITY?

18

19 **MIKE HENRY:** AS YOUR DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL--

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO WITH
22 THAT 28-YEAR EMPLOYEE. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

23

24 **MIKE HENRY:** THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THE PAST.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL THEN THAT'S NOT TAKING ANY OWNERSHIP, IS IT?
2 SHE'S WORKING THERE-- HAD SHE BEEN WORKING FOR US, SHE WOULD
3 HAVE A VERY NICE RETIREMENT PLAN. THIS INDIVIDUAL NOW HAS NONE
4 OF THAT.

5

6 **MIKE HENRY:** THAT'S CORRECT. BUT ALL I CAN DO IS TRY AND
7 CORRECT THE FUTURE. ALL I CAN DO IS WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT
8 FOR A PLAN TO PUT THAT INDIVIDUAL ON A COUNTY ITEM.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** DISGRACEFUL.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** --TO OUR ATTENTION NOW, OR TO YOUR ATTENTION
13 NOW.

14

15 **MIKE HENRY:** THERE WAS A MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR BURKE BROUGHT
16 IN THAT WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WAS RECENTLY, WASN'T IT?

19

20 **MIKE HENRY:** THAT WAS LIKE IN JULY. I THINK IT WAS JULY.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT WAS FOR STUDENT WORKERS WHO WERE PROTESTING
23 AND BRINGING IT TO OUR ATTENTION.

24



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1 **MIKE HENRY:** THERE WAS A POSITION THAT WAS GIVEN TO THE OFFICE
2 TO COORDINATE THE STUDENT WORKER PROGRAM. AND TO ACTUALLY LOOK
3 AT HAVING AN OMBUDSMAN, IF YOU WILL, TO TAKE COMPLAINTS FOR
4 STUDENT WORKERS.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ACTUALLY, THE FIRST ONE I INTRODUCED WAS
7 JUNE 2007. WAS THE FIRST MOTION I INTRODUCED.

8

9 **MIKE HENRY:** EXACTLY. AND THEN TO PUT TOGETHER PROGRAMS TO HELP
10 ADVANCE STUDENT WORKERS IN THEIR WORK AS WELL AS IN THEIR
11 EDUCATION.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE INTRODUCED IT BUT NO ONE TOOK CHARGE.
14 THAT WAS IN 2007. SO THAT A YEAR LATER WE INTRODUCED ANOTHER
15 ONE BECAUSE THERE WAS A QUESTION ABOUT WHO WAS COORDINATING
16 THEM.

17

18 **MIKE HENRY:** THAT'S CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE TEMP WORKERS RECEIVE HEALTH INSURANCE,
21 TOO?

22

23 **MIKE HENRY:** THERE IS A PROGRAM THAT GIVES HEALTH INSURANCE TO
24 CERTAIN TYPES OF TEMP WORKERS.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT KIND OF INSURANCE DO THEY GET? HEALTH
2 INSURANCE?

3

4 **MIKE HENRY:** COUPLE THINGS. ONE, IT DEPENDS ON HOW MANY HOURS
5 THAT THEY WORK AS A TEMP. AND, TWO, THEY DON'T HAVE EXACTLY
6 THE SAME INSURANCE, HEALTH INSURANCE THAT A PERMANENT EMPLOYEE
7 HAS, BUT THEY DO-- THERE IS A PROGRAM FOR THEM.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE INSURANCE THAT THEY GET? DO YOU
10 KNOW?

11

12 **MIKE HENRY:** NOT OFFHAND. I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THAT IS.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT YOU'RE SURE IT'S NOT THE SAME INSURANCE
15 THAT REGULAR EMPLOYEES GET?

16

17 **MIKE HENRY:** IT'S NOT WHAT YOU WOULD GET. IT'S NOT KAISER OR
18 BLUE CROSS OR BLUE SHIELD OR ONE OF THOSE.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M ADVISED THAT IT'S KAISER AND PACIFIC
21 CARE THAT THEY RECEIVE, AND KAISER IS WHAT--

22

23 **MIKE HENRY:** BUT THAT DEPENDS ON HOW MANY HOURS THAT THEY WORK.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET'S ASSUME THEY WORK THE REQUISITE NUMBER
2 OF HOURS. WHAT IS THAT NUMBER OF HOURS? 20 HOURS A WEEK?

3

4 **MIKE HENRY:** I THINK 30 HOURS A WEEK. YAROSLAVSKY FOR THE
5 TEMPS. SO IF YOU WORK 30 HOURS OR MORE A WEEK AS A TEMP, THE
6 KAISER INSURANCE YOU GET, IS THAT THE SAME AS MY EMPLOYEES, MY
7 STAFF GETS?

8

9 **MIKE HENRY:** I'M NOT SURE OF THAT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BECAUSE A MINUTE AGO YOU SAID IT WASN'T THE
12 SAME. SO YOU'RE NOT SURE. I'M NOT TRYING TO TRAP YOU. I JUST
13 WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE ANSWER IS. WE CAN GET THAT ANSWER
14 SUBSEQUENTLY. I'M UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT IT'S THE SAME
15 KAISER INSURANCE.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY GET SIGNA H.M.O. ONLY.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M TALKING ABOUT TEMPS WITH 30 HOURS OR
20 MORE A WEEK AND I UNDERSTAND THEY GET KAISER AND PACIFIC CARE.
21 AND THAT IT IS THE SAME FAMILY PLAN AS COUNTY EMPLOYEES
22 GENERALLY GET. THE REASON THAT'S IMPORTANT IS BECAUSE I
23 UNDERSTAND THE C.E.O.'S RECOMMENDATION WAS THAT YOU AND HE
24 HAVE BEEN WORKING THEM TOGETHER, LEAVES THE ISSUE OF, I DON'T
25 KNOW WHETHER IT'S MAYBE YOU HAVEN'T FINALIZED IT YET, BUT I'M



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1 INTERESTED IN THE ISSUE OF HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THESE STUDENT
2 WORKERS. ASIDE FROM ANYTHING ELSE, JUST GOING FORWARD, I'M
3 INTERESTED IN THE ISSUE OF HEALTH INSURANCE AND WANT TO
4 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE COST OF THAT WOULD BE, WHAT THE IMPACT ON
5 THE COUNTY WOULD BE. SO THE INSURANCE YOU'RE PROVIDING, THAT
6 WE ARE PROVIDING FOR TEMPORARY WORKERS, DIFFERENT CATEGORY
7 THAN STUDENT WORKERS, WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ME TO KNOW WHAT THAT
8 COST IS.

9

10 **MIKE HENRY:** YEAH, YOU'RE HEADED TOWARD THE COSTS FOR THE
11 STUDENT WORKERS THAT WORK 30 HOURS OR MORE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE HAVE 800 SOME ODD STUDENT WORKERS,
14 CORRECT?

15

16 **MIKE HENRY:** 829 PER C.W.T.A.P.S. OF TODAY-- OR AS OF AUGUST
17 31ST, I'M SORRY.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO MULTIPLY THAT BY WHATEVER THE PREMIUM IS
20 PER MONTH, AND IT GIVES YOU AN IDEA WHAT THAT COST WOULD BE. I
21 THINK WE NEED TO KNOW THAT BEFORE YOUR PLAN, YOURS AND THE
22 C.E.O.'S PROPOSAL, COMES FORWARD.

23

24 **MIKE HENRY:** WE CAN GET THAT INFORMATION.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO BRING THAT FORWARD AT
2 THIS POINT? DO YOU HAVE A TARGET DATE?

3

4 **MIKE HENRY:** WE HAVE A DRAFT REPORT THAT WE HAVE REVIEWED WITH
5 YOUR OFFICES LAST WEEK. AND I AM VERY CLOSE TO SIGNING THAT
6 AND SENDING IT FORWARD. SO IT COULD BE--

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IT IS A DRAFT REPORT THAT IS INCOMPLETE,
9 FRANKLY, ON THIS ISSUE.

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11 **MIKE HENRY:** THIS ISSUE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT WOULD HAVE TO ADD
12 THAT IN. SO WE WOULD NEED TIME TO DO THAT AND GATHER THAT
13 INFORMATION.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN WERE YOU PLANNING TO BRING THAT TO THE
16 BOARD?

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18 **MIKE HENRY:** THE MEMO?

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH.

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22 **MIKE HENRY:** WE WERE HOPING TO GET IT SIGNED THIS WEEK.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IT'S AN ACTION ITEM. IT'S GOING TO
25 REQUIRE SOME ACTION BY THE BOARD.



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2 **MIKE HENRY:** THE POLICY, ACTUALLY, IS A POLICY THAT I CAN
3 INITIATE WITHOUT--

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU CAN'T INITIATE A POLICY THAT SAYS WE'RE
6 GOING TO GIVE EVERY STUDENT WORKER HEALTH INSURANCE.

7

8 **MIKE HENRY:** NO, I'M NOT SUGGESTING THAT. THAT'S NOT IN THE
9 POLICY TO GIVE THEM THAT. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE AN
10 ADD-ON IN THE INFORMATION MEMO THAT WOULD BE COMING TO YOU.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'VE BEEN SILENT ON THAT ISSUE.

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14 **MIKE HENRY:** YES, I AM.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE LEAVING THAT UP TO US, AS I
17 UNDERSTAND IT.

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19 **MIKE HENRY:** IT'S NOT PART OF MY POLICY. THE POLICY THAT WE
20 PULLED TOGETHER WAS BASICALLY JUST TO ADMINISTER THE STUDENT
21 WORKER PROGRAM SO THAT THEY WORK THE NUMBER OF HOURS THAT THEY
22 SHOULD BE WORKING AND THAT THEY DID NOT WORK AS A STUDENT
23 WORKER FOR MORE THAN SIX YEARS. THAT'S THE BASIS OF OUR
24 POLICY. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ABOUT BENEFITS.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WANT, BEFORE IT GETS TO THE BOARD, I WOULD
2 LIKE TO KNOW-- BECAUSE FOR ME, ONE OF THE MAJOR ISSUES OF THIS
3 STUDENT WORKER ISSUE IS HEALTH INSURANCE. AND I NEED TO HAVE
4 INFORMATION UPON WHICH I CAN MAKE AN INTELLIGENT DECISION ON
5 THE COST OF PROVIDING HEALTH INSURANCE OR WHETHER IT HAS TO BE
6 THE SAME HEALTH INSURANCE WE GIVE EVERYBODY ELSE, OR WHETHER
7 THERE'S SOME OTHER KIND OF HEALTH INSURANCE, IF THEY ARE
8 STUDENTS. I KNOW NOT EVERY STUDENT GETS HEALTH INSURANCE AT
9 THEIR SCHOOLS. IT DEPENDS ON WHAT SCHOOL THEY GO TO. BUT A LOT
10 OF STUDENTS GET HEALTH INSURANCE AT SCHOOLS, IF THEY'RE FULL-
11 TIME STUDENTS, EVEN PART-TIME STUDENTS. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU
12 GET IT AT COMMUNITY COLLEGES OR NOT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, YOU DO, IF YOU'RE FULL-TIME STUDENT. AT
15 LEAST THEY DID WHEN I WENT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT I'D LIKE YOU TO DO AS PART OF YOUR
18 REPORT IS TO GIVE US LIKE A SEPARATE-- YVONNE, HANG ON A
19 SECOND. IT'S ALL RIGHT. CAN YOU PROVIDE US WITH AN APPENDIX OR
20 AN ADDED CHAPTER IN YOUR REPORT THAT JUST ADDRESSES THE HEALTH
21 INSURANCE? THE PROS AND CONS? WHERE THE FOLKS, THE STUDENTS
22 ARE WORKING FOR US-- CAN THEY GET HEALTH INSURANCE? UNDER WHAT
23 CIRCUMSTANCES? IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I WAS IN COLLEGE.
24 BUT I DO KNOW THAT WHEN MY SON WAS IN COLLEGE, THE DAY HE LEFT
25 EYE GOT A NOTICE FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY, HE'S OFF THE



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1 INSURANCE. DO NOT PASS GO. DO NOT COLLECT \$200. IT WAS
2 INSTANTANEOUS. SO I REALLY NEED TO KNOW WHAT THE RULES ARE SO
3 THAT WE CAN-- I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO PAY \$10 MILLION IN
4 INSURANCE FOR WORKERS WHO HAVE THE ABILITY TO GET INSURANCE AT
5 SCHOOL. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THEY'RE NOT GETTING ANY
6 INSURANCE FOR SOME REASON, I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT THAT WOULD BE
7 OTHER THAN THEY'RE NO LONGER STUDENTS, IN WHICH CASE THEY
8 SHOULDN'T BE STUDENT WORKERS, THEN THAT'S A DIFFERENT STORY.
9 BUT I DO THINK WE NEED TO--

10

11 **MIKE HENRY:** WE CAN ADD THAT TO THE REPORT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE NEED TO HAVE THAT INFORMATION
14 COMMENSURATE, SIMULTANEOUS WITH THE OTHER STUFF YOU'RE
15 BRINGING FORWARD, EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT RECOMMENDING IT ONE WAY
16 OR ANOTHER, AT LEAST GIVE US THE INFORMATION UPON WHICH WE CAN
17 MAKE AN INTELLIGENT DECISION.

18

19 **MIKE HENRY:** THAT CAN BE ADDED TO THE REPORT.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAY I JUST CLARIFY. WHAT HAPPENED IN 2007
22 IS THAT WE THOUGHT IF THERE WAS A COORDINATOR OF THE STUDENT
23 PROGRAM, THAT SOME OF THESE ISSUES WOULD BE RESOLVED. WE
24 ALLOCATED, THE BOARD VOTED \$150,000 FOR A STUDENT-- FOR AN
25 ALLOCATOR FOR STUDENT PROGRAMS. A YEAR LATER THIS HAD NOT COME



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1 ABOUT, OR WHAT THEY DID IS THEY GOT SOMEONE WHO HAD ANOTHER
2 JOB, I THINK, WHO JUST TOOK ON ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAS THIS IN MIKE HENRY'S OPERATION?

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6 **MIKE HENRY:** YES, IT WAS.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND HE DIDN'T DO IT?

9

10 **MIKE HENRY:** WE TRANSFERRED A CURRENT EMPLOYEE UNDER THAT ITEM,
11 AND SHE HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTERING THE STUDENT
12 WORKER PROGRAM.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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16 **MIKE HENRY:** AMONG OTHER THINGS.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO SHE DIDN'T DO IT?

19

20 **MIKE HENRY:** SHE DID SOME, NOT ALL, THAT'S CORRECT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHE STILL WORKS FOR US?

23

24 **MIKE HENRY:** YES.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BRING HER HERE SO WE CAN HANG HER BY THE
2 EAR.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SOMEBODY NEEDS TO BE HANGED. I THINK THAT 28 YEAR
5 EMPLOYEE, WHO WORKED FOR US FOR 28 YEARS WITHOUT HEALTHCARE
6 INSURANCE, WITHOUT A DAY OF VACATION, WITHOUT-- THAT'S AN
7 ABUSIVE ASPECT. AND THESE ARE EMPLOYEES WHO WE EMPOWER TO DO
8 THIS KIND OF WORK. SO MIKE HENRY, WHEN I PUT IN MY MOTION
9 AFTER YVONNE'S MOTION AND I ASK YOU THAT I WANTED A 30-DAY
10 REPORT, THE NUMBER OF STUDENT WORKERS IN THE DEPARTMENT, THE
11 NUMBER OF YEARS THE STUDENT WORKERS HAVE BEEN WORKING AS WELL
12 AS ALL THIS, WHY DID YOU IGNORE MY MOTION? SINCE I HAVEN'T
13 GOTTEN THAT REPORT.

14

15 **MIKE HENRY:** WE DID NOT IGNORE YOUR MOTION, SUPERVISOR.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T REMEMBER GETTING IT IN 30 DAYS.

18

19 **MIKE HENRY:** WELL, WE ACTUALLY -- IT TOOK LONGER THAN 30 DAYS
20 TO PULL THE REPORT TOGETHER.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT TOOK ME YESTERDAY 10 1/2 MINUTES.

23

24 **MIKE HENRY:** THE REPORT THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON--

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DIDN'T ASK YOU WHAT REPORT YOU'VE BEEN WORKING
2 ON. I ASKED YOU ABOUT MY REPORT. MY REPORT SAYS THE NUMBER OF
3 STUDENT WORKERS IN THE DEPARTMENTS, THE NUMBER OF YEARS THE
4 STUDENT WORKERS HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE BOARD POLICIES ARE.
5 I HAVEN'T GOTTEN THAT REPORT. SO YOU IGNORED THIS. WHAT MAKES
6 YOU THINK THAT I'M SUPPOSED TO TRUST THAT WHATEVER POLICY YOU
7 RECOMMEND TO US AND THAT NOW YOU'RE GOING TO MONITOR, YOU
8 WILL.

9

10 **MIKE HENRY:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, WE DIDN'T IGNORE--

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL THEN WHERE'S MY REPORT?

13

14 **MIKE HENRY:** ACTUALLY THE REPORT IS IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, IT ISN'T.

17

18 **MIKE HENRY:** THAT'S THE REPORT I TALKED ABOUT BEFORE.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S THE REPORT I ASKED HIM TO GET YESTERDAY.

21 WHEN I CALLED AND GOT IT FROM E.T.A.P.S. WAITING FOR THIS

22 REPORT. BUT YOU DIDN'T GET IT FOR ME, MIKE. YOU JUST IGNORED

23 ME.

24

25 **MIKE HENRY:** NO, SUPERVISOR, I WOULDN'T IGNORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE MOTION THOROUGHLY SAYS THAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED
3 TO.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EVEN IF YOU WANTED TO, YOU COULDN'T.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** ZEV. LOOK AT THIS.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW. YOU GOT TO HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. WE PASS MOTIONS AROUND HERE AND YOU
12 GUYS IGNORE THEM. SO NOW HE'S TELLING ME HE'S GOING TO DO A
13 WHOLE NEW POLICY AND I'M SUPPOSED TO TRUST HIM. WHEN HE'S BEEN
14 SO ABUSIVE SO FAR. I THINK THIS IS HIS RESPONSIBILITY. I THINK
15 IT'S SHAMEFUL THAT WE HAVE AN EMPLOYEE THAT WORKED WITH US FOR
16 28 YEARS AS A STUDENT WORKER.

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I AGREE WITH HIM. I AGREE THAT THERE'S BEEN
19 SOME ABUSES IN THE SYSTEM.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE ALL AGREE WITH THAT.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BUT WE HAVE TO-- AND WHAT MIKE IS SAYING AT
24 THIS POINT IN TIME, THERE'S THE INTENT TO GO AND AUDIT SOME OF
25 THESE DEPARTMENTS AND IDENTIFY EXACTLY--



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND DO WHAT? AND DO WHAT? HE COULD HAVE DONE

3 THIS. IF HE WOULD HAVE DONE THIS REPORT, I WOULD HAVE FOUND

4 OUT. BUT IT TAKES US AGGRESSIVELY TO GO AFTER THIS SAME

5 INFORMATION. AND THAT'S INAPPROPRIATE, BILL. I'M AT THE MERCY

6 OF THE INFORMATION YOU GAVE ME. YESTERDAY WHEN I HAD A STUDENT

7 EMPLOYEE COME TO MY OFFICE AND I FOUND OUT SHE WORKED WITH US

8 FOR 40 HOURS, I THOUGHT THAT WAS SHAMEFUL. I OWE HER A

9 RESPONSIBILITY TO CREATE EITHER A PATHWAY TO GET A JOB. BUT

10 WORKING 40 HOURS FOR TWO YEARS WITHOUT AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET A

11 FULL-TIME JOB WITH US, I OWE HER A DUTY. NOW YOU GUYS MIGHT

12 ACT IRRESPONSIBLY WITH THESE EMPLOYEES. YOU DON'T WANT TO

13 TAKE-- NO ONE WANTS TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THIS BOO BOO MISTAKE

14 WITH A 28-YEAR EMPLOYEE, BUT SOMEBODY HAS TO. AND SO NOW

15 YOU'RE GOING TO COVER IT UP WITH, "THIS IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO

16 DO IN THE FUTURE, I CAN'T GO BACK." BUT YOU'VE GOT OVER 900

17 EMPLOYEES THAT AREN'T REALLY STUDENTS, IT LOOKS LIKE. NOT IF

18 THEY'RE WORKING 46 HOURS A WEEK, 38.9 OR 39.9 AS SOME OF THEM

19 ARE. DO YOU KNOW WHERE I THOUGHT I WOULD FIND THEM? I THOUGHT

20 I'D FIND THEM IN THE PARKS, MAYBE. WHERE THEY HAVE THE FIRST

21 PEOPLE COMING IN AFTER SCHOOL OR IN THE LIBRARIES. BUT IT'S IN

22 L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE MOST ABUSIVE OF ALL. HUMAN

23 RESOURCES HAS A SERIES OF THEM THEMSELVES. BUT OUR HOSPITALS

24 HAVE THEM. OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. AMAZING. PUBLIC

25 WORKS. WHILE THEY HAVE A LOT OF THEM, THEY AT LEAST HAVE ONLY



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1 BEEN THERE FOR AT LEAST A YEAR OR TWO. MOST OF THEM ARE PART-
2 TIME UNDER THEIR WORK. IT'S AMAZING.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I HAVE THE SAME REPORT. TO SAY THAT WE'RE
5 GOING TO COVER UP IS NOT AN ACCURATE STATEMENT. I HAVE THE
6 EXACT SAME REPORT. OF THE 829, THERE'S ABOUT 20 PERCENT WHO
7 WORKED MORE THAN-- I'M SORRY. THERE'S ABOUT 40 PERCENT HAVE
8 WORKED MORE THAN 30 HOURS A WEEK. IF YOU LOOK AT SOME OF THESE
9 INDIVIDUALS, THE MAJORITY HAVE BEEN WITH US ABOUT, I'D SAY,
10 LESS THAN THREE YEARS. THE VAST MAJORITY. IN THOSE INSTANCES,
11 IT WOULD BE FAIR TO STATE THAT THEY COULD LEGITIMATELY MEET
12 THE STUDENT WORKER CRITERIA. THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR SOMEONE
13 WHO'S BEEN WORKING BEYOND THE SIX, SEVEN YEARS, LET ALONE THE
14 28 YEARS. I TOTALLY AGREE WITH THAT. THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO
15 EXCUSE FOR THAT.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I LOVE THIS DEPARTMENT HEAD RESPONSE. THAT WORKER
18 WORKED ONLY FOR ME SO LONG. SHE'S BEEN BOUNCING AROUND ALL
19 THOSE YEARS AND NOW IT'S JUST GOING TO SPREAD THROUGH ALL THE
20 DEPARTMENTS. I JUST GOT THE RESPONSE. NO ONE'S GOING TO TAKE
21 ANY OWNERSHIP, YEAH.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE ONE THING THAT CROSSES MY MIND, GLORIA,
24 IS WHERE WAS THIS 28-YEAR LONG WORKER? IS IT A HE OR SHE?

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** A SHE.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID SHE EVER ENQUIRE ABOUT PERMANENT
4 EMPLOYEE WITH THE COUNTY AFTER 28 YEARS? AT THE COFFEE
5 MACHINE? DID THEY NOT TALK ABOUT PLAN A AND B?

6

7 **MIKE HENRY:** I DON'T KNOW.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I CAN TELL YOU THIS, ZEV, THAT THE ONE I TALKED
10 TO YESTERDAY SAID SHE APPLIED FOR THE COUNTY JOB AFTER ONE
11 YEAR, AND SHE GOT A REJECTION LETTER SAYING SHE WAS NOT
12 QUALIFIED. TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY WASN'T SHE QUALIFIED?

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHE WASN'T QUALIFIED BECAUSE SHE HAD NO WORK
17 EXPERIENCE.

18

19 **MIKE HENRY:** WELL, SHE APPLIED FOR AN I.T.C. POSITION. WE'RE
20 NOW GOING FOR THE RECORD--

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS I.T.C.?

23

24 **MIKE HENRY:** AN I.T.C., AN INTERMEDIATE TYPIST CLERK. WE ARE
25 GOING THROUGH THE RECORDS TO FIND OUT WHAT--



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHE'S A CLERK TYPIST NOW.

3

4 **WE'RE GOING THROUGH THE RECORDS TO FIND HER APPLICATION TO**
5 **FIND OUT WHY SHE WAS NOT QUALIFIED FOR THE JOB. BUT IT COULD**
6 **HAVE BEEN THAT SHE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH WORK EXPERIENCE TO MEET-**
7 **-**

8

9 **>>SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SHE APPLIED ONE TIME IN 28 YEARS?

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11 **MIKE HENRY:** NO. THIS IS A DIFFERENT ISSUE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M WANT US TO GO TO THE 28-YEAR EMPLOYEE.

14

15 **MIKE HENRY:** I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE 28-YEAR EMPLOYEE.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHE WORKED WITH HEALTH SERVICES IN VARIOUS ROLES.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID SHE EVER APPLY FOR A PERMANENT JOB?

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T KNOW.

22

23 **MIKE HENRY:** I DON'T KNOW.

24



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE NAME THE DEPARTMENT WAS GIVEN, I WAS JUST
2 GIVEN--

3
4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TALK ABOUT TAKING OWNERSHIP. AT SOME POINT
5 THE EMPLOYEE HERSELF NEEDS TO TAKE OWNERSHIP, AND IF WE HAVE
6 AN EMPLOYEE HANGING AROUND 28 YEARS AND NEVER ONCE ASKED ABOUT
7 A PERMANENT JOB, THEN SHE DOESN'T HAVE THAT MUCH OF A HEAD ON
8 HER SHOULDERS HERE BECAUSE THIS IS NOT COMPLICATED. EVERYBODY
9 AROUND HERE IF THEY KNOW ANYTHING ELSE, THEY KNOW ABOUT WHAT
10 THE NEXT GUY IS MAKING, AND WHAT HIS BENEFITS ARE. YOU GOT
11 BLUE CROSS, YOU GOT KAISER, YOU GOT SIGNA, HOW DO I GET THAT?
12 WHAT'S THE DENTAL BENEFIT? THAT'S ALL PEOPLE TALK ABOUT WHEN
13 THEY GO TO WORK, WHEN THEY COME TO A EMPLOYEE, WHEN THEY COME
14 TO WORK FOR AN ORGANIZATION. IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE. THAT'S WHAT
15 THEY SHOULD DO. IT'S THE DUE DILIGENCE. THEY SHOULD BE
16 GETTING-- MAXIMIZING THE BENEFITS THEY CAN. WHY NOT? BUT I
17 CAN'T IMAGINE SOMEBODY BEING-- FIRST OF ALL, I CAN'T IMAGINE
18 SOMEBODY BEING A STUDENT WORKER FOR 28 YEARS. I KNOW PEOPLE
19 WHO HAVE BEEN LONG TERM STUDENTS, BUT THIS PUTS MY FAMILY TO
20 SHAME. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO GET TENURE AND RETIRE AND HAVE A
21 PENSION FROM THE UNIVERSITY AFTER 28 YEARS AS A STUDENT. BUT
22 SERIOUSLY, SOMEBODY WHO IS HERE FOR 28 YEARS AT SOME POINT
23 ALONG THAT CONTINUUM MIGHT HAVE ENQUIRED "WELL, GLORIA GETS
24 HEALTH INSURANCE AND ZEV GETS HEALTH INSURANCE, AND YVONNE
25 GETS-- HOW DO I GET SOME OF THAT"? AND SOMEBODY WOULD SAY,



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1 "WELL, YOU'VE GOT TO APPLY FOR A PERMANENT JOB." SO, WHILE,
2 YEAH I THINK WE ALL OUGHT TO TAKE OWNERSHIP IN THIS, AT THE
3 END OF THE DAY, IF SOMEBODY DOESN'T WANT TO HELP THEMSELVES,
4 TO SOME EXTENT, EVEN TO BE CURIOUS ABOUT HOW TO-- HOW DO I
5 AVOID THOSE MONUMENTAL HEALTH BILLS, MEDICAL BILLS I'M
6 GETTING, THEY SHARE SOME OF THAT BURDEN, TOO. AND MAYBE IF IT
7 WAS A ONE-YEAR OR TWO-YEAR EMPLOYEE, THAT'S ONE THING.
8 SOMEBODY JUST OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL, I UNDERSTAND. BUT SOMEBODY
9 WHO'S BEEN AROUND FOR 28 YEARS OR 10 YEARS OR EIGHT YEARS,
10 THEY OUGHT TO KNOW AT LEAST ENOUGH TO ASK THE QUESTION. IF
11 THAT'S A PROBLEM, THEN MAYBE PART OF YOUR PLAN OUGHT TO BE HOW
12 DO WE EDUCATE? I GUESS WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE TO EDUCATE
13 BECAUSE YOUR PLAN IS GOING TO TRY TO STREAMLINE THIS THING IN
14 SOME WAY, BUT SOMEHOW YOU GOT TO-- THAT'S PART OF WHAT THE
15 HUMAN RESOURCES FUNCTION IS, IS TO EDUCATE, INFORM PEOPLE
16 ABOUT THE OPTIONS THEY HAVE FOR COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS.
17 THAT'S LARGELY THE ONLY THING, NOT THE ONLY THING BUT THE MAIN
18 THING YOU GUYS DO. ANYWAY, I'M CURIOUS WHO THE 28-YEAR-OLD--
19 NOT 28-YEAR-OLD-- BUT 28-YEAR VETERAN STUDENT WORKER THAT WE
20 HAVE, WHAT HER EXPLANATION IS, FOR HOW THIS--

21

22 **MIKE HENRY:** WE WILL TALK TO HER.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH.

25



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE INFORMATION THAT WE'VE GATHERED IN THE
2 LAST COUPLE DAYS ONLY GIVES A PARTIAL PICTURE. IT IDENTIFIES
3 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ON OUR PAYROLL SYSTEM, BUT IT
4 DOESN'T SPEAK TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE CURRENTLY STUDENTS.
5 AND THEY SHOULD BE TO HOLD THESE PARTICULAR JOBS. THERE'S
6 THREE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR STUDENT WORKERS. IT DOESN'T ALSO
7 SPEAK TO BREAKS IN SERVICE. ON THIS LIST OF 829 INDIVIDUALS,
8 THERE ARE QUITE A FEW WHO HAVE WORKED ZERO HOURS FROM DECEMBER
9 OF LAST YEAR THROUGH AUGUST OF THIS YEAR. IT'S OBVIOUS THAT
10 THEY WERE ONCE ON OUR BOOKS, ON OUR PAYROLL BUT THE PAPERWORK
11 HASN'T BEEN PROCESSED TO TAKE THEM OFF. THERE ARE ABUSES IN
12 THIS PROGRAM.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MANY ARE THERE? HOW MANY OF THOSE ARE
15 THERE?

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17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I DON'T HAVE THAT COUNT IN FRONT OF ME.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DO.

20

21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** MAYBE IT'S ABOUT 20, 30 THAT ARE THERE. BUT
22 WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS, THERE'S ABSOLUTE ABUSES IN THIS
23 PROGRAM. WE DON'T DOUBT IT. THERE'S BEEN DEPARTMENTS WHO
24 HAVEN'T CAREFULLY MONITORED THIS TO ENSURE THAT THESE
25 INDIVIDUALS ARE STILL ENROLLED IN SCHOOL, THAT THEY'RE WORKING



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1 THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF HOURS, 20 DURING A SCHOOL YEAR AND
2 40 DURING SUMMERS. BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE ARE HUNDREDS
3 OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN SCHOOL LEGITIMATELY WHO SHOULD BE--
4 WHO SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS PROGRAM WHO ARE BEING EXPOSED TO
5 COUNTY JOBS. AND THAT WAS THE INTENT OF THIS PROGRAM. AND I'D
6 BE CAREFUL ABOUT SAYING THAT EVERYTHING IS BAD. BECAUSE ALL OF
7 US HAVE EXPERIENCES WITH SOME OF THESE STUDENT WORKERS AND
8 THEY BECOME OUR FUTURE ADMIN WORKERS OR DEPUTY SHERIFFS OR
9 FIREFIGHTERS AND SO ON. SO WE INITIATE THE SURVEY. AND IT'S
10 NOT JUST GOING TO C.W.P. C.W.T.A.P.S. AND FINDING OUT WHO IS
11 THERE. WE DO NEED TO LOOK AT THIS BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO
12 IMPACT THE LIVES OF A LOT OF YOUNG FOLKS. AND SO I JUST WANT
13 TO BE CAREFUL. AND I KNOW THIS PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN MANAGED
14 PROPERLY. I KNOW THAT. BUT WE DO WANT TO LOOK AT IT SO THAT
15 WE, FOR THOSE, WHERE THERE'S ABUSES, WE'LL CORRECT IT. WHERE
16 THERE'S NOT, WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THESE YOUNG FOLKS IN OUR
17 STUDENT WORKER PROGRAM.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT YOU KNOW THERE ARE ALSO YOUNG PEOPLE
20 WHO WOULD PROBABLY LIKE TO BE STUDENT WORKERS BUT THEY ARE
21 UNABLE TO GET THE POSITIONS BECAUSE THEY'RE TAKEN BY PEOPLE
22 WHO WERE WORKING FOR YEARS AS A STUDENT WORKER WHO SHOULDN'T
23 BE.



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND THOSE SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THIS PROGRAM.
2 IF THEY DON'T MEET THE BASIC QUALIFICATIONS, THEY SHOULD BE
3 REMOVED.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND ANYBODY BEING THERE 28 YEARS, THERE
6 SHOULD BE SOME ABILITY TO TRANSFER THEM TO A PERMANENT
7 POSITION.

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I AGREE.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND PEOPLE HAVE BEEN THERE 10 YEARS, I
12 THINK THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THEM HAVE BEEN OVER SIX YEARS
13 WHO FOR SOME REASON HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR A PERMANENT POSITION.
14 SO PART OF WHAT SHOULD BE GOING ON IS TO ANALYZE ALL OF THOSE
15 PEOPLE WHO ARE OVER THEIR SIX YEARS OR CLOSE TO THEIR SIX
16 YEARS AND GET THEM ON A ROAD TO EITHER BECOMING PERMANENT
17 EMPLOYEES OR THEY REALLY SHOULDN'T BE THERE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT
18 A PERSON COULD STUDY FOR 28 YEARS. SOMEONE SHOULD HAVE AN IDEA
19 OF WHAT CURRICULUM SHE WAS ON.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EVEN THE UNIVERSITIES WON'T LET YOU STICK
22 AROUND FOR 28 YEARS.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO. YOU CAN'T STAY THAT LONG.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S INTERESTING, BECAUSE THEY HAVE THREE
2 CATEGORIES. STUDENT PROFESSIONAL WORKER 1. NOW THAT MAKES YOU,
3 WHAT? A JUNIOR IN COLLEGE?

4

5 **MIKE HENRY:** YES.

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND STUDENT PROFESSIONAL WORKER 2--

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOT EVEN STUDENT PROFESSIONAL WORKER. SO SHE MUST
10 EITHER BE A FRESHMAN OR SOPHOMORE STILL.

11

12 **MIKE HENRY:** TAKING COLLEGE CLASSES.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK THEY SAY SOME OF THESE STUDENTS GO
15 TO A VOCATIONAL OR SIGN UP ONLINE.

16

17 **MIKE HENRY:** IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE ACCREDITED COLLEGE. BUT THERE
18 ARE SOME COLLEGES THAT ARE ONLINE THAT ARE ACCREDITED.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS IS SHAMEFUL.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** INTERIOR DECORATING FOR SEVEN UNITS. AND
23 THEN THEY CONTINUE. OKAY. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

24



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1 **HAROLD STERKER:** YES, MY NAME IS HAROLD STERKER. AND I, TOO,
2 WAS A STUDENT WORKER 37 YEARS AGO. I'M WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 HEALTH SERVICES BUT WORKED IN THE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM OFFICE.
4 I WAS ONE OF THE FORTUNATE ONES, ACTUALLY, BECAUSE AS I WAS
5 ATTENDING GRADUATE SCHOOL AT LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY, I WAS ABLE
6 TO FIND EMPLOYMENT HERE AS A RESULT OF DOING MY-- I DID A
7 PROJECT THROUGH THE SCHOOL AT POMONA HEALTH CENTER, MOVED ON
8 TO BECOMING A STUDENT PROFESSIONAL WORKER. NOW WHAT I'D LIKE
9 TO SAY IS THAT I WAS ONE OF THOSE FORTUNATE FEW BECAUSE A
10 COUPLE PEOPLE WERE WATCHING ME FROM AFAR THAT I DIDN'T KNOW
11 AND I WAS TRYING TO REMEMBER THEIR NAMES. YOU MIGHT REMEMBER
12 THEM, GLORIA. IT WAS EUNICE HANKINS AND DR. MARTIN FINN. AND I
13 WAS OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY, ONCE I GRADUATED, TO GO INTO THAT
14 PATHWAY BECAUSE 37 YEARS AGO I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT CIVIL
15 SERVICE. AND QUITE FRANKLY I WAS GOING BACK HOME TO NEW YORK
16 CITY. I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO GRADUATE SCHOOL AND GOING TO
17 LEAVE. AND WHEN THEY OFFERED THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COME DOWN,
18 TAKE AN EXAM. I PASSED IT. AND THEN TO COME OUT AND BE A
19 HEALTH EDUCATOR AT THE EL MONTE HEALTH CENTER AT THE TIME, I
20 TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY. AND THOUGHT, WELL LET'S GIVE IT A TRY
21 AND I'VE BEEN HERE EVER SINCE. SO WHAT I REALLY WANT TO SAY,
22 HAVING TOLD YOU THAT STORY, IS THAT I THINK IT'S A MISSED
23 OPPORTUNITY, VERY LIKELY HERE, AND THAT I HOPE THAT YOU WILL
24 CONTINUE TO WORK WITH US, AND I REPRESENT 721. I AM CHAIR OF
25 THE HEALTH SCIENCE PROFESSIONAL BARGAINING UNIT, TO FIX THIS



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1 PROBLEM AND DO RIGHT BY OUR STUDENT WORKERS BECAUSE I TOTALLY
2 AGREE THAT IT'S A PERIOD OF TIME WHILE YOU'RE IN SCHOOL. IT
3 GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO LEARN AS YOU'RE STUDYING. AND IT REALLY
4 HELPED ME DECIDE THAT I WANTED TO STAY IN PUBLIC HEALTH FOR
5 ALL THOSE YEARS. SO I THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S GOOD TO SEE A SUCCESS STORY.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THERE ARE MORE SUCCESS STORIES THAN
10 NOT. WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT US TO DO? THE COUNTY TO DO? WHEN
11 YOU WENT TO LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY, DID THEY PROVIDE YOU WITH
12 HEALTH INSURANCE?

13

14 **HAROLD STERKER:** YES, THEY DID. YES, THEY DID. SO THAT WASN'T
15 AN ISSUE FOR ME. AND BY THE WAY, I CHAIRED THE BACK COMMITTEE
16 SO WHEN YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THOSE ISSUES I WANTED TO JUMP
17 IN HERE FOR THE UNION. BUT, YEAH, THEY DID, IN FACT, OFFER ME
18 HEALTH INSURANCE. AND I KEPT IT BECAUSE AT THAT POINT I REALLY
19 DIDN'T KNOW. I WAS HEALTHY, YOUNG, DIDN'T NEED HEALTH CARE.
20 AND WHAT I NEEDED WAS A JOB TO HELP PAY FOR THE BOOKS. AND YOU
21 GUYS GAVE ME THAT OPPORTUNITY. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU
22 HELPED MAKE ALIVE WHAT I WAS STUDYING IN SCHOOL.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS IT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?

25



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1 **HAROLD STERKER:** I'D LIKE TO SEE THE PROGRAM COME ALIVE. I'D
2 LIKE US NOT TO LOSE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE STUDENTS THAT ARE
3 IN THE AUDITORIUM AND FOR THOSE THAT I'VE SINCE MET, BE ABLE
4 TO BE PLACED IN A PROGRAM THAT WOULD HELP TO AMPLIFY WHAT
5 THEIR STUDY IS, MY FIRST SUGGESTION. AND THAT THEY WOULD THEN,
6 I THINK, WITH A REAL JOB OPPORTUNITY, LEARN, THEY MIGHT BE
7 ABLE TO DO THAT ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN THROUGH SCHOOL, GRADUATED.
8 AND THEN GO THROUGH THE SYSTEM TO APPLY AND SEE HOW THEY RANK
9 AND COME ON BACK AND WORK FOR US.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT IT'S NOT AN ISSUE-- ARE YOU REPRESENTING
12 THE UNION HERE TODAY?

13

14 **HAROLD STERKER:** I AM. I'M REPRESENTING 721. I CHAIR THE HEALTH
15 PROFESSIONALS BARGAINING UNIT, BARGAIN 341.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S NOT AN ISSUE OF COMPENSATION OR
18 BENEFITS?

19

20 **HAROLD STERKER:** MY ISSUE IS, IS THAT I THINK WE'RE LOSING
21 OPPORTUNITY FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE
22 BACK INTO THE COUNTY.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BY DOING WHAT?

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1 **HAROLD STERKER:** BY GETTING INTO THE SYSTEM.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT BY NOT DOING WHAT? WHY ARE WE MISSING
4 THAT OPPORTUNITY?

5

6 **HAROLD STERKER:** I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T THINK THERE'S-- I HATE
7 TO SAY THIS. BUT FROM WHAT I KNOW, IS THAT THERE REALLY ISN'T
8 A PROGRAM. FOR THE FEW OF US THAT ARE LUCKY LIKE MYSELF, I GOT
9 INTO THIS MAYBE BY ACCIDENT. AND THEN PEOPLE WATCHED ME
10 DELIVER A SERVICE AT THE IMMUNIZATION SERVICE OFFICE AS A
11 STUDENT WORKER AND SAID, " HE LOOKS LIKE HE GOT SOME
12 POTENTIAL. GO TAKE AN EXAM." I DID AND CAME BACK AS A HEALTH
13 EDUCATOR. HAD THEY NOT DONE THAT TODAY, I WOULDN'T BE HERE. I
14 WOULD BE IN NEW YORK CITY. THERE IS NO PROGRAM FOR ANYBODY TO
15 MONITOR. I DON'T KNOW WHO MONITORS THE PROGRAM. I CAN'T SPEAK
16 TO THAT BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THAT.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPPOSEDLY THERE'S SOMEONE WAS HIRED.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY DO OTHER THINGS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND. I'VE BEEN UNDER
23 THE IMPRESSION THAT LOCAL 721 IS ALSO INTERESTED IN THE ISSUE
24 OF HEALTH BENEFITS?

25



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1 **HAROLD STERKER:** YES, THERE ARE MANY PIECES TO THAT PUZZLE,
2 EXACTLY. I'M NOT REPRESENTING TO SPEAK TO THAT. THAT'S COMING.
3 BUT WHAT I'M SAYING TO YOU IS I WAS ONE OF THOSE LUCKY
4 INDIVIDUALS THAT MOVED FORWARD AND I'M PROUD TO BE AN EMPLOYEE
5 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANKS.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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11 **KEESHA REED:** MY NAME IS KEESHA REED. I AM A STUDENT WORKER. I
12 WORK AT THE RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER.
13 I WORKED IN THE REFERRALS, OUTPATIENT REFERRAL OFFICE. NOT
14 EVERYONE IS FRESH OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL. I'M A 40-YEAR-OLD SINGLE
15 PARENT OF TWO KIDS AND I'M ALSO TAKING CARE OF MY MOM. I DO
16 WORK 39 HOURS. I GO TO SCHOOL IN THE EVENING. AND I GO ON
17 SATURDAYS. THE REASON FOR ME WORKING THE 39 HOURS IS BECAUSE I
18 DO NEED THE PAY BECAUSE I AM THE HEAD OF MY HOUSEHOLD. I AM A
19 CONSTANT AT MY JOB. I'M PRETTY MUCH THE TO-GO PERSON. I'M
20 BACKUP FOR THE EVAL. CLERK AT MY JOB. SO I'M BASICALLY DOING
21 DUTIES OF THAT OF A PERMANENT EMPLOYEE, BUT YET I HAVE NO
22 INSURANCE, MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR ME IF I GET SICK. I'M ALSO
23 THE CHAIRPERSON OF OUR BARGAINING UNIT FOR STUDENT WORKERS.
24 AND I'VE TALKED TO MANY STUDENT WORKERS. I COULD USE FOR
25 INSTANCE ONE OF THE PERSONS THAT'S IN THE UNIT HAD PNEUMONIA.



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1 AND SHE WENT TO THE HOSPITAL. AND SHE ENDED UP WITH A \$3,000
2 BILL. WHERE ARE WE GOING TO GET \$3,000 TO PAY FOR OUR DOCTORS'
3 BILL?

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS SHE A STUDENT?

6

7 **KEESHA REED:** YEAH, SHE'S A STUDENT.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE IS SHE A STUDENT?

10

11 **KEESHA REED:** SHE'S A STUDENT AT CAL. STATE DOMINGUEZ.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SHE DOESN'T HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE AT CAL.
14 STATE DOMINGUEZ? WHY NOT? THEY HAVE IT?

15

16 **KEESHA REED:** AS FAR AS FOR HER, I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T KNOW.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS SHE A PART-TIME STUDENT OR FULL-TIME?

19

20 **KEESHA REED:** NO, SHE'S AN FULL-TIME STUDENT.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL I THINK MOST COLLEGES, IF I'M NOT
23 MISTAKEN, NOT ONLY OFFER IT BUT REQUIRE IT, REQUIRE YOU TO BUY
24 THEIR INSURANCE IF YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR OWN INSURANCE. SO I'M
25 JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW THAT COULD HAPPEN.



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2 **KEESHA REED:** I 'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF THAT.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHERE DO YOU GO TO SCHOOL?

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6 **KEESHA REED:** I 'M SORRY?

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** WHERE DO YOU GO TO SCHOOL?

9

10 **KEESHA REED:** I GO TO EL CAMINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT ARE THE PROVISIONS THERE TO GET HEALTH
13 INSURANCE AT EL CAMINO?

14

15 **KEESHA REED:** I HAVE NEVER HEARD OF IT. I 'M BEING HONEST. I 'VE
16 NEVER HEARD OF IT.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHEN YOU ENROLL EVERY YEAR, ISN 'T THERE A
19 PLACE YOU HAVE TO CHECK IN TERMS OF HEALTH INSURANCE?

20

21 **KEESHA REED:** I 'VE NEVER RECEIVED ANY PAPER AS FAR AS DEALING
22 WITH HEALTH INSURANCE OR ANYTHING. AND IF IT 'S OFFERED TO ME,
23 I WOULDN 'T BE ABLE TO PAY FOR IT, REALLY.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW DO YOU KNOW? IT MIGHT BE 3 BUCKS A WEEK.



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2 **KEESHA REED:** I DOUBT IT.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY \$3 A WEEK?

5

6 **KEESHA REED:** NO.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SHE SAYS THAT SHE DOUBTS THAT IT IS \$3 A
9 WEEK. BUT YOU DON'T KNOW BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T INQUIRED.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH THE COUNTY AS A
12 STUDENT WORKER?

13

14 **KEESHA REED:** JUST TWO YEARS.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW MANY TIMES-- HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR A FULL-TIME
17 JOB?

18

19 **KEESHA REED :** YES, I HAVE.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT DID THEY TELL YOU?

22

23 **KEESHA REED:** THE FIRST TIME THEY SAID I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH
24 EXPERIENCE. SO THEN I WAITED A YEAR AND A HALF LATER. I TOOK
25 THE TEST THE FIRST TIME. I DIDN'T PASS IT. SO THEN I WAITED



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1 ANOTHER YEAR. AND THEN I APPLIED AGAIN. THEN THEY SENT ME A
2 LETTER AND SAID THAT I DIDN'T MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT DID YOU APPLY FOR CHEMIST OR SOMETHING?

5

6 **KEESHA REED:** I APPLIED FOR I.T.C. INTERMEDIATE TYPIST CLERK.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT ARE THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS?

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10 **KEESHA REED:** THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS IS THAT YOU HAVE AT
11 LEAST SIX MONTHS TO A YEAR COUNTY EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH L.A.
12 COUNTY.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO THE TWO YEARS THAT YOU HAD BEEN WORKING
15 THERE DID NOT QUALIFY YOU FOR THAT?

16

17 **KEESHA REED:** THEY SAID I DIDN'T QUALIFY. I WISH I HAD MY
18 LETTER. I COULDN'T FIND MY LETTER BECAUSE I WOULD HAVE
19 PRESENTED PROOF. SO I REAPPLIED AGAIN, BUT THIS TIME I HAD MY
20 SUPERVISOR WRITE AN ADDENDUM. SO I WENT ONLINE AND I ADDED
21 THAT. AND I TOOK THE TEST AGAIN. AND I PASSED.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO YOU ARE GOING TO BECOME.

24

25 **KEESHA REED:** I AM ON THE LIST.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU ARE ON THE LIST TO BECOME A PERMANENT
3 EMPLOYEE.

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5 **KEESHA REED:** YES.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE SHOULD CHECK ON THAT. BECAUSE IF SHE'S
8 ON THE LIST TO BECOME A PERMANENT EMPLOYEE AND SHE'S BEEN A
9 STUDENT EMPLOYEE FOR ALL THIS TIME. BUT WE WILL ALSO CHECK
10 WITH DOMINGUEZ HILLS AND EL CAMINO TO SEE EXACTLY HOW THEIR
11 ROLE IS. BECAUSE MOST OF THEM, MOST COLLEGES, THEY HAVE A
12 PLACE WHERE YOU EITHER APPLY OR YOU-- IT'S LIKE \$2 OR \$3. IT
13 MAY BE MORE THAN \$2 OR \$3 NOW. BUT THEY ALSO HAVE A HEALTH
14 CENTER THAT YOU GO THROUGH. AND THEN THEY REFER YOU. WE'LL
15 CHECK WITH EL CAMINO AND DOMINGUEZ HILLS.

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17 **BOB SCHOONOVER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BOB
18 SCHOONOVER. I'M THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721,
19 REPRESENTING APPROXIMATELY 80,000 GOVERNMENT WORKERS
20 THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY
21 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD TODAY. LAST YEAR, THE COUNTY'S 8 TO 900
22 STUDENT WORKERS ORGANIZED TO WIN A VOICE ON THE JOB. THEY KNEW
23 THAT THEY WERE DOING JOBS THAT WERE NO DIFFERENT FROM THE
24 REGULAR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. MANY ARE WORKING 40 HOURS EACH WEEK
25 IN CORE POSITIONS THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE FUNCTIONING OF THE



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1 COUNTY, SERVING IN THEIR POSITIONS SOMETIMES IN THE COUNTY FOR
2 YEARS. FOR MANY, THEY HOLD THESE JOBS NOT ONLY TO SUPPORT
3 THEMSELVES BUT ENTIRE HOUSEHOLDS. THEIR ISSUES ARE MODEST AND
4 STRAIGHTFORWARD. THEY SIMPLY WANTED TO BE TREATED LIKE OTHER
5 COUNTY EMPLOYEES. NOW, ACCORDING TO SURVEYS THAT WE HAVE DONE,
6 AND I'M SURE WE'RE ALL GOING TO ADDRESS THIS AGAIN, BUT OUR
7 STUDENT WORKERS DON'T GET HEALTH INSURANCE AT THEIR SCHOOLS. A
8 MINIMAL HEALTH PLAN FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, JUST
9 LIKE OTHER TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES IN THE COUNTY, HAVE ACCESS TO,
10 PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS SO THAT THEY CAN COMPETE ON AN EVEN
11 FOOTING FOR JOB OPENINGS, A PATH TO PERMANENCY SO THAT THOSE
12 THAT SO DESIRE MAY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FULLY JOIN THE
13 COUNTY FAMILY. NOW WE'RE ALL AWARE THAT MANY YEARS AGO WHEN
14 SOME OF US WERE YOUNGER, IT WAS EASIER TO GET ESTABLISHED.
15 IT'S VERY HARD TO GET ESTABLISHED. I HAVE TWO DAUGHTERS THAT
16 WENT TO COLLEGE, ONE WITH A MASTERS' DEGREE, ONE WITH A FOUR-
17 YEAR DEGREE, AND THEY'VE HAD VERY HARD TIMES GETTING
18 ESTABLISHED. THROUGH THEIR EFFORTS, A SPOTLIGHT HAS BEEN
19 SHINED ON THE COUNTY'S PHANTOM STUDENT WORKER PROGRAM. WE
20 APPRECIATE THAT YOUR BOARD HAS LISTENED AND THAT YOU NOW
21 REALIZE THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DOESN'T REALLY HAVE A
22 STUDENT WORKER PROGRAM AT ALL, THAT IN MANY CASES THE STUDENT
23 WORKERS HAVE BEEN USED AND TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF TO FILL WHAT
24 SHOULD BE FULL-TIME COUNTY POSITIONS, THAT THERE HAS BEEN
25 LITTLE OR NO SUPPORT OR ENCOURAGEMENT OR MENTORSHIP FOR THESE



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1 STUDENTS AS THEY TRY TO FIND THEIR WAY INTO A CAREER. IT'S A
2 SHAME AND IT'S A MISSED OPPORTUNITY. THESE STUDENT WORKERS
3 HAVE DONE US A SERVICE OF SPEAKING OUT. IT TOOK COURAGE. NOW
4 IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIX AND DO THE RIGHT THING BY THEM.
5 LET'S CREATE A REAL STUDENT WORKER PROGRAM WITH A TRUE PATH TO
6 PERMANENCY. FOR THOSE STUDENT WORKERS WHO WORK A SUFFICIENT
7 NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK, LET'S PROVIDE HEALTHCARE THE SAME AS
8 WE DO FOR TEMPORARY COUNTY WORKERS. AND IF MANY OF THE JOBS
9 CURRENTLY PERFORMED BY STUDENT WORKERS ARE DETERMINED TO BE
10 MORE APPROPRIATELY FILLED WITH FULL-TIME COUNTY WORKERS, THEN
11 LET THE STUDENT WORKERS HAVE THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO WIN
12 THOSE POSITIONS. AT LOCAL 721 WE ARE EXCITED BY THE
13 OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A MODEL STUDENT WORKER PROGRAM IN LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY. WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU ON THIS. WE KNOW THAT
15 TODAY SOME OF OUR BEST COUNTY WORKERS STARTED OUT AS STUDENT
16 WORKERS YEARS AGO. WE ARE DETERMINED TO MAKE SURE THAT TODAY'S
17 STUDENT WORKERS WHO HAVE HAD THE COURAGE TO STEP UP AND SPEAK
18 OUT ARE TREATED RIGHT AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT YOUR BOARD
19 WOULDN'T WANT IT ANY OTHER WAY. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUZAN POUR-SANAE. YOU MAY LET
22 SOMEONE ELSE TAKE YOUR SEAT.

23

24 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M GOING TO KEEP
25 MY COMMENTS BRIEF. TO FOLLOW UP ON WHAT OUR SPEAKERS HERE



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1 TODAY SAID ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF A PATH TO PERMANENCY FOR
2 STUDENT WORKERS AND HEALTH INSURANCE. I WANT TO COMMEND ALL OF
3 YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO RECTIFYING THE ABUSES THAT ARE
4 TAKING PLACE IN THE COUNTY. MY NAME, OBVIOUSLY, AS YOU HAD
5 STATED, IS SUZAN POUR-SANAE, BUT I'M ALSO THE CHIEF NEGOTIATOR
6 OF THIS BARGAINING UNIT. AND I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT IS
7 TAKING PLACE WITH THESE STUDENT WORKERS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.
8 AND I WANT TO ESPECIALLY COMMEND SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR
9 BRINGING TO LIGHT SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE COMING OUT. AND
10 SHE REALLY DID LISTEN TO THE STUDENT WORKER WHO WAS IN HER
11 OFFICE YESTERDAY, WHO HAD APPLIED FOR AN I.T.C. POSITION. AND
12 SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR AUTHORIZING THE MOTION. AND SUPERVISOR
13 YAROSLAVSKY, YOUR STAFF, ESPECIALLY LISA KATZ, HAS BEEN VERY
14 DILIGENT ABOUT FOLLOWING UP ON THIS. AND WE REALLY DO
15 APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU'RE DOING IN MAKING SURE THAT THESE
16 STUDENT WORKERS ARE NO LONGER ABUSED AND EXPLOITED, BECAUSE
17 THEY ARE COUNTY WORKERS. THEY ARE COUNTY EMPLOYEES. CONTRARY
18 TO WHAT SOME FOLKS IN THE COUNTY ARE SAYING, THEY'RE NOT
19 INTERNS. THEY ARE ACTUALLY BACK FILLING PERMANENT WORK. AND
20 THAT IS NOT THEIR ROLE. BUT THAT IS THE ROLE THAT THEY ARE
21 PLAYING. EVERY OTHER TEMPORARY AND RECURRENT EMPLOYEE THAT
22 S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 REPRESENTS DOES GET HEALTH INSURANCE AFTER
23 THREE MONTHS. AND THESE ARE WORKERS WHO WORK-- WHO DO THE SAME
24 WORK AS PERMANENT EMPLOYEES, AND TEMPORARY AND RECURRENT
25 EMPLOYEES, AND THEY GET ABSOLUTELY NO BENEFITS. NO SICK TIME.



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1 NO PAID HOLIDAY TIME. NO VACATION TIME. NO HEALTH INSURANCE.
2 NO DENTAL. THEY HAVE NO RIGHTS OR NO PROTECTIONS. THEY ARE
3 COMPLETELY AT WILL. BUT THE ONE THING THEY'RE ASKING FOR IS
4 HEALTH INSURANCE. BECAUSE THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE TO COMPLETING
5 YOUR STUDIES AND EFFECTIVELY CARRYING OUT YOUR DUTIES AT WORK
6 IS HAVING POOR HEALTH. AND IF YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO TREAT YOUR
7 ILLNESSES PROPERLY, THEN YOU'RE GOING TO BE IN A SITUATION OF
8 OUR STUDENT WORKERS, LIKE MONIQUE PURREY AND TATIANA CAMPOS,
9 WHO HAD TO GO TO WORK FOR A MONTH ILL AND UNTREATED. AND
10 FINALLY WHEN IT GOT SO BAD FOR MONIQUE, WHO HAD PNEUMONIA, SHE
11 ENDED UP WITH A DOCTOR'S BILL OF MORE THAN \$3,000 AFTER GOING
12 TO A COUNTY FACILITY.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT COLLEGE DID SHE ATTEND?

15

16 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** EAST L.A. SHE'S GOING TO EAST L.A. COLLEGE
17 RIGHT NOW.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME?

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21 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** PART-TIME. SHE GOES IN THE EVENINGS AND ON
22 SATURDAY, AND SHE ALSO GOES TO INTERPRETING SCHOOL. SHE
23 ACTUALLY HAD TONSILLITIS AND THEN ENDED UP HAVING TO GO TO A
24 COUNTY FACILITY. BUT SHE WENT TO WORK.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THEY HAVE A HEALTHCARE PROGRAM THERE.

2

3 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** I'M SORRY?

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHE'S ELIGIBLE FOR THEIR HEALTH PROGRAM THERE.

6

7 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** AS A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** PART-TIME STUDENT.

10

11 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** AS A PART-TIME STUDENT IN EAST L.A.? WHEN
12 SHE WENT, SHE WAS TOLD THAT SHE WAS NOT. THAT SHE WOULD HAVE
13 TO PAY OUT OF THE POCKET FOR HER HEALTH INSURANCE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S BECAUSE SHE PROBABLY DIDN'T ENROLL IN THE
16 PROGRAM AS A MANDATORY HEALTH FEE. ALSO, THE STUDENT WHO WAS
17 UP HERE EARLIER FROM DOMINGUEZ HILL. IT SAYS STUDENTS PAY A
18 MANDATORY STUDENT HEALTH FEE EACH SEMESTER. IT'S PART OF THEIR
19 FEES.

20

21 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** SUPERVISOR, THOSE HEALTH-- THAT'S BASICALLY,
22 YOU GO, YOU GET ASPIRIN. THEY DON'T TREAT YOU-- THEY DON'T
23 TREAT TONSILLITIS.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU KNOW WHAT DOUBLE DIPPING IS? IF IN FACT
2 THEY HAVE HEALTHCARE FEES THERE, THEIR SEMESTER, THEY'RE
3 PAYING THEIR STUDENT TUITION. ON THERE SHE WAS ENTITLED TO
4 HEALTH COVERAGE. MAYBE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HELP THEM, AS
5 WELL, GET SOME OF THESE-- THIS IS ON THE INTERNET. WE JUST
6 PULLED IT UP.

7

8 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** WHEN SHE TOLD THEM SHE HAD TONSILLITIS, THEY
9 SAID THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE FACILITIES TO HELP HER; THAT THEY
10 COULD HELP HER IF SHE HAD A COLD OR SOME VERY BASIC MEDICAL
11 ATTENTION. BUT THE SERIOUSNESS OF HER MEDICAL CONDITION WAS
12 NOT, AND THAT THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO HELP HER WITH THAT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE QUESTION WAS WHETHER THAT'S A HEALTH
15 INSURANCE POLICY OR WHETHER IT'S JUST A SERVICE.

16

17 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** THAT IS THE QUESTION.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT GOING TO GUESS. BUT I KNOW THAT MOST
20 COLLEGES AND CERTAINLY THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEMS-- I DON'T
21 KNOW ABOUT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, HAVE HEALTH
22 INSURANCE. WHEN YOU GO TO U.C.L.A., CAL. STATE L.A., YOU PAY
23 YOUR SEMESTER FEE, YOU HAD A SURCHARGE FOR YOUR HEALTH
24 INSURANCE. IT MAY NOT BE THE SAME DEDUCTIBLE AS WE OFFER. IT
25 CERTAINLY MAY BE DIFFERENT THAN WE OFFER. BUT IT'S ALSO A LOT



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1 LESS EXPENSIVE BECAUSE DEMOGRAPHICALLY AND ACTUARIALLY, IF
2 THEY'RE YOUNG STUDENTS, THEY'RE LOWER RISK. AND SO THEY PAY
3 LESS. I THINK WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS-- IT'S INTERESTING. THE
4 RHETORIC IS ONE THING. I CERTAINLY AM SYMPATHETIC TO THE
5 RHETORIC. BUT WHEN YOU START TO SCRATCH AWAY AT THE DETAIL OF
6 EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THESE INDIVIDUAL CASES, OTHER THINGS
7 COME TO LIGHT. I THINK WE NEED TO KNOW. MAYBE WE NEED TO DO A
8 SURVEY OF ALL OF OUR 829 STUDENT WORKERS TO FIND OUT WHERE
9 THEY ARE GOING TO SCHOOL, WHAT THOSE SCHOOLS OFFER. HOW MUCH
10 IT COSTS, WHY, DO THEY KNOW THAT IT'S AVAILABLE? OR LIKE YOU
11 SAID A MINUTE AGO CAL STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS, THE IMPRESSION I
12 GOT IS SHE'S NOT EVEN INQUIRED ABOUT HEALTH INSURANCE. IT MAY
13 NOT BE AVAILABLE TO HER, I DON'T KNOW. BUT AT LEAST YOU NEED
14 TO INQUIRE TO KNOW WHETHER IT'S YES OR NO. THE OTHER THING I
15 WANTED TO SAY IN RESPONSE TO WHAT SUZAN SAID A COUPLE MINUTES
16 AGO. THIS IS A DOUBLE EDGED SWORD. WE EMPLOY STUDENT WORKERS
17 ALL THE TIME IN MY OFFICE. I DON'T EMPLOY THEM WITH THE
18 EXPECTATION THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR
19 LIFE. AND I DIDN'T HIRE THEM WHEN I WAS AT THE CITY WITH THE
20 EXPECTATION THIS THEY WOULD BE CITY EMPLOYEES FOR LIFE. I
21 WANTED TO GIVE THEM-- FIRST OF ALL, I WAND THEM TO DO VALUABLE
22 WORK. AND WHEN YOU INVITE A STUDENT WORKER IN AND THROW THEM
23 INTO THE POOL AND SAY "YOU'RE EITHER GOING TO SINK OR SWIM"
24 YOU DON'T DO THAT WITH MEANINGLESS WORK. SO THE MINUTE YOU PUT
25 SOMEBODY IN MEANINGFUL WORK, THEY'RE TAKEN-- THEY COULD BE



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1 CONSTRUED TO BE TAKING SOMEONE'S PLACE AS A PERMANENT WORKER.
2 SO WHEN I HAD A COUPLE OF MY STUDENT WORKERS THIS SUMMER
3 DIVING INTO SOME ISSUE, THEY DOVE INTO AN ISSUE AS THOUGH THEY
4 HAD BEEN WORKING FOR ME FOR 20 YEARS. THEY HAD THEIR SCREW UPS
5 AND THEY HAD THEIR LEARNING EXPERIENCES, BUT THEY WERE GIVEN
6 RESPONSIBILITY, AS ALL OF MY STUDENT WORKERS HAVE. I DON'T
7 WANT TO BE PUNISHED FOR THAT. AND I DON'T WANT THOSE STUDENT
8 WORKERS TO BE PUNISHED FOR THAT BY SAYING, "WELL, THEY'RE
9 TAKING THE WORK THAT A LISA KATZ SHOULD BE DOING AND THAT YOU
10 SHOULD TREAT HIM LIKE YOU TREAT HER, WHEN HE'S GOING BACK TO
11 SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER AND HE'S GOT HIS HEALTH INSURANCE IN
12 SEPTEMBER AND ALL YEAR ROUND BECAUSE HE'S A COLLEGE STUDENT,
13 ET CETERA.: SO I DON'T KNOW THAT YOU WANT TO, MAYBE FROM THE
14 UNION POINT OF VIEW THAT'S THE POSITION, BUT FROM THE BROADER
15 PROGRAMMATIC POINT OF VIEW, I THINK THE BEST STUDENT WORKERS
16 WE GET ARE THE ONES THAT ACTUALLY DO END UPCOMING BACK TO WORK
17 FOR THE COUNTY OR FOR THE GOVERNMENT, SOME PUBLIC SECTOR ROLE
18 ON A PERMANENT BASIS, ARE THE PEOPLE WHO GOT A TASTE OF WHAT
19 IT'S REALLY LIKE. NOT OPENING ENVELOPES AT THE FRONT DESK.
20 THEY DO THAT, TOO. SO DO ALL OF US. BUT THEY ACTUALLY GET,
21 THEY GO INTO MEETINGS. THEY GET TO WATCH FUJIOKA TAP DANCE
22 AROUND OUR QUESTIONS. THEY GET TO BEAT UP ON MIKE HENRY. THEY
23 DO ALL THE THINGS THAT WE ALL DO. AND THEY LEAVE HERE-- AND I
24 THINK MOST OF US, I KNOW A LOT OF THE STUDENT WORKERS WHO HAVE
25 BEEN IN THE OTHER OFFICES, THEY GET A REAL TASTE OF WHAT IT'S



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1 LIKE AND WHAT THE ISSUES ARE. SO THEN THEY COULD MAKE A
2 DECISION "WELL, I DON'T WANT TO ENVELOPE ENVELOPES THE REST OF
3 MY LIFE SO I'M GOING TO BECOME A LAWYER." WHEN THEY DEAL WITH
4 A POLICY ISSUE OR THEY HELP SOMEBODY DEAL WITH A POLICY ISSUE.
5 THAT'S THE KIND OF THING THEY CAN GET THEIR TEETH INTO. SO I
6 WANT YOU TO JUST HEAR WHAT I'M SAYING. A GOOD STUDENT WORKER
7 PROGRAM IS ONE WHERE YOU GET THROWN INTO THE POOL AND YOU'RE
8 ASKED TO LEARN HOW TO SWIM. AND OF COURSE WE'RE ALL THERE WITH
9 OUR LIFE PRESERVERS AT THE EDGE OF THE POOL BEHIND OUR BACKS.
10 BUT THOSE ARE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS. I SEEN IT IN
11 CONGRESS. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA HAS A PROGRAM CALLED U.C.
12 AND D.C. PROGRAM. MY SON WAS ON THE PROGRAM FIRST SEMESTER
13 FROM BERKELEY. HE WENT TO WORK FOR A CONGRESSMAN. THEY
14 ASSIGNED HIM TO A CONGRESSMAN. THE CONGRESSMAN THREW HIM RIGHT
15 IN. HE WAS MEETING WITH AGENCY HEADS, AMBASSADORS, WHAT HAVE
16 YOU. GOT A REAL SENSE OF WHAT IT WAS LIKE, HE ALSO DID THE
17 MEDIA WORK, WHICH WE ALL LEARNED TO DO OVER THE YEARS. AND
18 THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF EXPERIENCES THAT MEAN THE MOST, BECAUSE
19 A STUDENT WORKER PROGRAM IS AS MUCH A MENTORING PROGRAM AS IT
20 IS AN ECONOMIC PROGRAM, MORE A MENTORING PROGRAM THAN IT IS AN
21 ECONOMIC PROGRAM. SO I WOULD REALLY-- AS WE ARE LOOKING
22 FORWARD AT THIS, THERE NEEDS TO BE-- AND I THOUGHT WE HAD SOME
23 GUIDELINES. WE HAVE ALWAYS GONE WITH THE GUIDELINES, THE PAY
24 GUIDELINES AND ALL, EVERYBODY HAS A DIFFERENT VISION OF HOW
25 THEY WANT TO USE A STUDENT WORKER IN THEIR DEPARTMENT. THAT I



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1 UNDERSTAND. BUT I THINK WE SHOULDN'T DISCOURAGE-- AND IT WOULD
2 DISCOURAGE ME IF I WAS GOING TO GET NAILED, IF I HIRED
3 SOMEBODY FOR THE SUMMER AND PUT THEM IN A SERIOUS RESPONSIBLE
4 JOB FOR THE SUMMER AND THEN GOT NAILED FOR IT-- IT'S NOT
5 LIKELY I WOULD GET NAILED FOR IT BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE GONE.
6 BUT IF FOR SOME REASON THEY LASTED A YEAR, YEAR AND A HALF AND
7 SAID THEY HAD A CLAIM ON A JOB, IT WOULD DISCOURAGE SOME
8 DEPARTMENTS FROM HIRING PEOPLE, STUDENT WORKERS IN THAT
9 SITUATION. I'M NOT SURE THAT WE'RE NOT MAKING A MOUNTAIN OUT
10 OF A MOLEHILL HERE. I'M BACK TO THIS HEALTH INSURANCE
11 BUSINESS. IF A STUDENT COMES TO WORK FOR ME AND HAS NO HEALTH
12 INSURANCE, THEN I'M INCLINED TO WANT TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO
13 TRY TO GET THEM HEALTH INSURANCE JUST AS I DO FOR TEMP
14 WORKERS. BUT IF A STUDENT HAS HEALTH INSURANCE BACK AT CAL.
15 STATE L.A. OR N.Y.U. OR U.C. SANTA BARBARA, WHEREVER IT IS--
16 AND IN MOST CASES THEY NOT ONLY HAVE IT, THEY'RE REQUIRED TO
17 HAVE IT OR THEY CAN'T BE ENROLLED. I KNOW THAT WAS THE CASE
18 WITH MY KIDS. YOU DON'T GET HEALTH INSURANCE OR YOUR PARENTS
19 DON'T PUT YOU ON THEIR PLAN, YOU CAN'T TAKE A CLASS. THAT'S A
20 PRETTY GOOD INCENTIVE TO GET HEALTH COVERAGE. AND IF THEY DO
21 HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTH COVERAGE, EVEN IF IT'S NOT BLUE CROSS
22 AND IT'S NOT GOING TO BE BLUE CROSS-- ALTHOUGH I WILL SAY THE
23 U.C. SYSTEM HAS SOME PRETTY GOOD COVERAGE-- THEN IF THEY HAVE
24 OPTIONS TO IT, THEN THEY OUGHT TO EXERCISE THAT OPTION. I
25 DON'T THINK WE NEED TO SPEND COUNTY MONEY TO COVER STUDENT



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1 WORKERS WHO HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE OPPORTUNITIES AT THEIR HOME
2 BASE. AFTER ALL, THAT IS THEIR HOME BASE. MOST OF THEM, I
3 ASSUME, ARE FULL-TIME STUDENTS, OR SHOULD BE. I KNOW MANY OF
4 THEM ARE NOT, BUT THEY SHOULD BE. SO I WOULD REALLY BE
5 INTERESTED IN ALMOST EACH AND EVERY CASE TO SEE WHAT THE
6 SITUATION IS. I THINK WE'LL FIND IN MANY OF THESE CASES-- I
7 BET YOU WE'LL FIND IN THE CAL. STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS CASE--
8 I'M REAL CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT THEY REQUIRE, WHAT THEY OFFER.
9 MAYBE WE COULD FIND OUT BEFORE SHE LEAVES, BECAUSE MAYBE WE
10 COULD TELL HER SOMETHING SHE DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE SHE CAME HERE.
11 THAT MAY NOT ADDRESS THE UNION ISSUE. I UNDERSTAND THE BROADER
12 GOAL.

13

14 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** SUPERVISOR, JUST IF YOU CAN KEEP IN MIND
15 THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF STUDENTS THAT ARE IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES
16 WHO COME FROM--

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** PASADENA, GOT EAST L.A. COLLEGE, GOT VARIOUS
19 ONES.

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21 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** AND THESE COMMUNITY COLLEGES, THEY ALSO
22 HAVE-- IT'S DIFFERENT FOR THEM THAN IT IS FOR OTHER
23 UNIVERSITIES. I WENT TO A PRIVATE COLLEGE MYSELF, FOR EXAMPLE,
24 AS AN UNDERGRAD AND IT WAS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SITUATION.
25 THEY HAD MUCH MORE FUNDING. AND IN THIS CASE, WE ARE DEALING



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1 WITH PRIMARILY A GROUP OF WORKERS WHO ARE GOING TO-- WHO COME
2 FROM DISADVANTAGED BACKGROUNDS AND SO REALLY THEY END UP--
3 THEY'RE THE FIRST GENERATION OF PEOPLE IN THEIR FAMILIES WHO
4 ARE GOING TO SCHOOL. AND A LOT OF THEM DO END UP GOING TO
5 COMMUNITY COLLEGES. AND CAL. STATE, TO BE ABLE TO FURTHER
6 THEMSELVES BUT THEN THEY HAVE TO ACTUALLY PAY THEIR WAY
7 THROUGH SCHOOL.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK ONE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS
10 PERSON THAT WE HIRED AS A COORDINATOR IS TO MAKE SURE THEY
11 UNDERSTAND WHEN THEY ENROLL, THE LINE THAT SAYS THAT THEY HAVE
12 INSURANCE AND ALSO GIVE THEM THE INFORMATION OF WHERE TO GO,
13 THAT'S PART OF WHAT REALLY HAS TO HAPPEN. IF WE HAD THIS
14 COORDINATOR, THEY SHOULD CERTAINLY MAKE SURE THAT YOU DON'T
15 HAVE EMPLOYEES OR STUDENT WORKERS WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND EXACTLY
16 WHAT THEIR SCHOOL IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AND WHAT IT DOES
17 PROVIDE. BECAUSE APPARENTLY THEY DON'T KNOW.

18

19 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** I APPRECIATE THE POINT THAT YOU'RE ALL
20 MAKING THAT WE DON'T WANT TO REPLICATE IF THEY ALREADY HAVE
21 INSURANCE. AND THAT'S NOT OUR INTENT HERE AT ALL. WHAT THE
22 ISSUE IS, IS FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE AND
23 WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO GET THE SERVICES THEY NEED WHEN THEY ARE
24 VERY SICK, LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN THEY ARE SICK WITH



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1 PNEUMONIA OR TONSILLITIS AND THAT STUDENT HEALTH CENTER CAN'T
2 ADDRESS THAT ISSUE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HERE, I'M JUST LOOKING AT THIS, SUZAN.
5 SUPERVISOR MOLINA GAVE ME THE CAL. STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS WEB
6 PAGE ON THIS. FOR \$75, I ASSUME IT'S PER SEMESTER. YOU GET ALL
7 THESE RUDIMENTARY THINGS. THE ASPIRINS, THE X-RAYS-- THIS IS
8 NOT TRIVIAL STUFF. BUT IT'S NOT THE APPENDICITIS ATTACK. BUT
9 THEY DO OFFER SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE, WHICH THEY SAY IS
10 NOT REQUIRED AT CAL. STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS. BUT IT'S
11 RECOMMENDED. IT DOESN'T SAY HERE WHAT THE COST OF THAT
12 SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE IS. BUT 90 PERCENT OF THE BATTLE
13 IS GETTING ACCESS TO IT. THE PAYING OF IT IS EVEN LESS OF AN
14 ISSUE THAN THE ACCESS TO IT. A LOT OF PEOPLE CAN'T EVEN GET
15 ACCESS TO IT. THEY OFFER IT. AND IF MY MEMORY OF THE TESTIMONY
16 FROM THE YOUNG LADY FROM CAL. STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS WAS
17 CORRECT. SHE WAS NOT AWARE, SHE JUST DIDN'T KNOW. WELL NOW SHE
18 KNOWS THAT NOT ONLY FOR \$75 A SEMESTER, I ASSUME IT'S FOR A
19 SEMESTER AND NOT A YEAR, YOU PAY NOTHING FOR A CHEST X-RAY.
20 YOU PAY NOTHING FOR A BLOOD COUNT, NOTHING FOR T.B. TEST,
21 NOTHING FOR A THROAT CULTURE, NOTHING FOR A-- \$4 FOR AN
22 ANTIBIOTIC, ET CETERA AND ALL THAT STUFF. AND THEN YOU ALSO
23 HAVE ACCESS TO SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTHCARE. WHICH I ASSUME IF
24 THERE'S APPENDICITIS ATTACK OR KIDNEY STONE, SOMETHING THAT
25 REQUIRES MORE COMPLICATED HOSPITALIZATION, THAT THAT WOULD BE



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1 COVERED BY THIS. AND MY BET IS-- I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE
2 COMMUNITY COLLEGES ARE. I HAVE A BIG QUESTION MARK. I'M JUST
3 NOT AS FAMILIAR WITH WHAT THEY OFFER. IF CAL. STATE DOMINGUEZ
4 HILLS DOES NOT REQUIRE IT, THEN I DOUBT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
5 REQUIRE IT, BUT THEY MAY OFFER SIMILAR KINDS OF DEALS. AND
6 IT'S HARD FOR ME TO SAY EVERYBODY WHO IS A STUDENT WORKER
7 SHOULD GET COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE WHEN THEY HAVE ACCESS TO
8 HEALTH INSURANCE AT THEIR SCHOOL.

9

10 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** YOU COULD ALSO FEASIBLY SAY THAT EVERY
11 EMPLOYEE HAS ACCESS TO HEALTH, THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO GET
12 INSURANCE THROUGH THEIR COUNTY EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE THEY COULD
13 GO PURCHASE IT ON THEIR OWN. I MEAN WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT
14 PEOPLE WHO WORK LESS THAN 20 HOURS. WE'RE WORKING PEOPLE WHO
15 WORK 20 HOURS OR MORE.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU DON'T HAVE A CHOICE FOR COUNTY
18 EMPLOYEES. EVEN IF YOU ARE MARRIED AND YOUR HUSBAND HAS
19 INSURANCE, YOU STILL HAVE TO GET IT. YOU DON'T HAVE THOSE
20 ALTERNATIVES.

21

22 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES DO GET HEALTH
23 INSURANCE, RIGHT?

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU CAN'T WAIVE. YOU CAN'T WAIVE IT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE REQUIRED TO HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE.
3 THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN WAIVE IT IS IF YOU HAVE YOUR SPOUSE'S
4 HEALTH INSURANCE. IF YOUR SPOUSE WORKS DOWN AT THE CITY, AND
5 YOU WORK AT THE COUNTY, YOU CHOOSE ONE OR THE OTHER. OR YOUR
6 SPOUSE WORKS AT THE M.T.A.-- BUT YOU HAVE TO HAVE HEALTH
7 INSURANCE. AND IN THIS CASE, I ASSUME THAT IN THE CAL. STATE
8 DOMINGUEZ HILLS CASE THAT THEY'RE GETTING A GROUP RATE FOR
9 THEIR STUDENTS. THEY HAVE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS I
10 ASSUME CAL. STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS, PROBABLY 20, 30,000
11 STUDENT. THEY PROBABLY GET A GROUP RATE. SO IT'S NOT LIKE YOU
12 HAVE TO GO OUT AND BUY IT ON YOUR OWN. IT'S NOT A FAIR
13 COMPARISON TO SAY THAT ANYBODY CAN GO OUT AND BUY THEIR OWN.

14

15 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** BUT THAT IS WHAT WE'RE SAYING. STUDENT
16 WORKERS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PURCHASE-- THIS IS WHAT I'M
17 HEARING. CORRECT PLEA IF I'M WRONG. THEY CAN PURCHASE THIS
18 HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THEIR SCHOOLS WHEN THEY ARE COUNTY
19 EMPLOYEES AND THERE IS NO REASON THAT THEY SHOULD BE TREATED
20 ANY DIFFERENTLY THAN OTHER TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES OTHER THAN THE
21 FACT THAT THEY HAPPEN TO ALSO BE STUDENTS. I MEAN THAT'S WHAT
22 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE. WE'RE NOT TRYING TO CREATE A DOUBLE
23 DIPPING SITUATION. WE'RE TRYING TO OWN AND LIVE UP TO OUR
24 RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS THESE WORKERS.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAYBE THE SOLUTION IS, IF YOU HAVE A PERSON
2 THAT IS A COORDINATOR AND THEY ARE GOING TO CAL. STATE. MEET
3 WITH THEM AND SAY "OKAY, YOU HAVE NO OTHER INSURANCE? ALL
4 RIGHT. WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT YOU GET THE PREMIUM SO YOU CAN
5 GO THROUGH CAL. STATE AND GET YOUR INSURANCE THERE. NOT JUST
6 THE BASIC BUT YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL." BECAUSE THE ASSUMPTION IS
7 YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE HERE VERY LONG. WHEN YOU'RE A STUDENT
8 WORKER, THE ASSUMPTION IS THAT YOU WOULD MOVE ON. THAT A
9 MAXIMUM, A MAXIMUM OF SIX YEARS. MAXIMUM OF SIX YEARS.

10

11 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** BUT THAT'S NOT IN PLACE RIGHT NOW.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, IT IS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, IT'S NOT.

16

17 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** IT'S JUST A PROPOSAL RIGHT NOW.

18

19 **MIKE HENRY:** THAT'S PART OF WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S PART OF THE PROPOSAL.

22

23 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** BUT THERE IS NO POLICY LIKE THAT IN PLACE
24 RIGHT NOW.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE CERTAINLY ANTICIPATE--

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3 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** RIGHT NOW IT IS A BIG BRAINSTORMING SESSION
4 IN TERMS OF WHAT DOES MAKE SENSE AND HOW WE ARE--

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT AT NO TIME WERE STUDENT WORKERS IN
7 WHATEVER PROGRAM THERE WERE, THAT THEY WERE PERMANENT
8 EMPLOYEES.

9

10 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** NO. AND WE'RE NOT SUGGESTING THAT THEY
11 SHOULD BE. WE'RE NOT SAYING THAT WE SHOULD TURN A STUDENT
12 WORKER ITEM INTO A PERMANENT ITEM. BUT WHAT WE ARE SAYING IS
13 THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO CREATE A PATH TO PERMANENCY FOR THESE
14 STUDENT WORKERS WHEN WE HAVE THEM IN POSITIONS, LIKE A STUDENT
15 WORKER ITEM. ZEV, YOU HAD MENTIONED DOING BASIC WORK VERSUS
16 DOING WORK THAT IS MORE INTERESTING AND GOING TO MEETINGS.
17 WELL, THE WAY THE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM IS SET UP, IF YOU LOOK
18 AT THE STUDENT WORKER ITEM, THE JOB DESCRIPTION IS CLERICAL.
19 IT'S ABOUT FILING AND DOING THAT KIND OF WORK. SO IF WE'RE
20 GOING TO HAVE THAT KIND OF ITEM, IF IT WILL STAY AS IT IS,
21 THEN WE NEED TO LOOK AT CREATING A KIND OF CAREER PATH. AND IN
22 ANY CASE, I THINK IT BEHOOVES US TO CREATE THESE CAREER PATHS
23 TO ATTRACT OUR BRIGHTEST AND MOST INTERESTED, AND A YOUNGER
24 WORKFORCE THAT CAN MOVE INTO THESE COUNTY POSITIONS AND CREATE
25 A WIN/WIN SITUATION ESPECIALLY IN SITUATIONS WHERE WE HAVE



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1 SHORTAGES LIKE A CLERICAL ITEM. LIKE D.C.F.S. TRAINING
2 POSITIONS. WHERE WE HAVE HIGH TURNOVER. THIS CAN BE A WIN/WIN
3 FOR THE COUNTY. WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE TRAINED AND WHO HAVE
4 ALREADY BEEN IN COUNTY EMPLOYMENT AND WE CAN CREATE CAREER
5 LADDERS TO MOVE THEM INTO THE COUNTY SO THAT WE ARE GROWING
6 OUR OWN AND WE ARE ATTRACTING PEOPLE INTO OUR JOBS THAT WE
7 HAVE HAD A HARD TIME RECRUITING AND RETAINING.

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS THAT WE JUST NEED TO
10 BE CAREFUL WITH. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF ITEMS THAT FALL UNDER
11 THE AREA OF NEGOTIATIONS. 721 HAS COME TO THE COUNTY AND ASKED
12 TO ORGANIZE THIS GROUP. I WOULD SAY FOR SOME OF US, WE NEED TO
13 BE VERY CAUTIOUS. THE OTHER ITEMS, CREATING A CAREER PATH FOR
14 STUDENT WORKER, IS SOMETHING I BELIEVE EVERYONE SUPPORTS. WHAT
15 WE'RE LOOKING AT, THOUGH, ARE SOME VERY SERIOUS ABUSES IN THIS
16 PROGRAM, THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO REVIEW AND HIGHLIGHT.
17 THE SURVEY THAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MENTIONED, THAT WE
18 INITIATED WITH D.H.R. IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO COMPLETE
19 BECAUSE THE MAJORITY WHO HAVE BEEN WITH US SINCE 2006, 2005,
20 THAT'S A REASONABLE TIME PERIOD. BUT WHEN YOU SEE THE EXAMPLE
21 THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA IDENTIFIED, A PERSON WHO'S BEEN WITH US
22 28 YEARS, OR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN EXCESS OF 10 YEARS, THOSE
23 ARE ABSOLUTELY QUESTIONABLE. WE ALSO NEED TO VERIFY THAT OUR
24 STUDENT WORKERS ARE IN FACT WORKING-- GOING TO SCHOOL AT AN
25 ACCREDITED UNIVERSITY OR INSTITUTION, COULD BE A COMMUNITY



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1 COLLEGE. BUT ALSO ARE TAKING MORE THAN-- ANOTHER EXAMPLE I
2 HEARD-- TAKING MORE THAN ONE UNIT A SEMESTER. THERE ARE SOME
3 VERY GOOD ASPECTS TO THE STUDENT WORKER PROGRAM. WE NEED TO GO
4 OUT THERE AND DO THE WORK AND COME BACK TO WITH A REASONABLE
5 AND APPROPRIATE PROGRAM FOR THIS GROUP. BUT WHEN WE START
6 TALKING ABOUT WHAT TYPE OF BENEFITS THEY SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT
7 GET, THAT DOES FALL ON THE AREA OF NEGOTIATION, ESPECIALLY
8 GIVEN 721'S CURRENT EFFORT TO ORGANIZE THIS GROUP.

9

10 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, MR. FUJIOKA, WE WERE
11 ACTUALLY TOLD TO GO TO THE BOARD.

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YOU WERE TOLD BY OUR OFFICE TO GO TO THE
14 BOARD?

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I APPRECIATE THAT THEY DID. BECAUSE, I MEAN, I
17 DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS. MY ASSUMPTION WAS THAT WHEN YOU'RE A
18 STUDENT WORKER, YOU'RE EXACTLY THAT. YOU WORK 20 HOURS OR
19 LESS. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, YOU KNOW, THAT WE ARE HIRING
20 PEOPLE FOR 40 HOURS A WEEK AND CALLING THEM STUDENT WORKERS. I
21 JUST THINK THAT IT'S JUST MISUNDERSTOOD. I COULD UNDERSTAND
22 DURING THE SUMMER OR WHEN THEY'RE OFF SEMESTER THAT YOU WOULD
23 HIRE THEM FOR 40 HOURS A WEEK. BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF ABUSES
24 HERE. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT'S TROUBLING. I'M GLAD THEY
25 BROUGHT IT TO ME BECAUSE IT'S HELPFUL FOR ME TO KNOW WHAT'S



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1 GOING ON. AND I'D LIKE A STUDENT PROGRAM, STUDENT EMPLOYEE
2 PROGRAM THAT WOULD WORK. BUT SOME OF THE ABUSES THAT I SAW ARE
3 PRETTY TERRIBLE. AND I REALLY THINK THAT THIS COUNTY HAS TO
4 GET THEIR ARMS AROUND A PROGRAM THAT IS REALLY GOING TO BE
5 HELPFUL TO THE DEPARTMENTS AND HELPFUL TO THE STUDENTS
6 THEMSELVES. BUT THERE'S TOO MANY ABUSES TO POINT OUT IN THIS
7 ONE. THAT I'M REALLY TROUBLED WITH. I'M GLAD THEY BROUGHT IT
8 TO US, SO THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISORS. ARE THERE
11 ANY OTHER QUESTIONS THAT I COULD ANSWER?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU CAN LEAVE NOW. I WANT TO PURSUE
14 SOMETHING WITH MR. HENRY. BUT I WANT YOU TO LEAVE BECAUSE I
15 DON'T WANT YOU TO GET INTO THE DISCUSSION.

16

17 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** YOU DO WANT ME TO LEAVE?

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DO WANT YOU TO LEAVE. YOU'RE TOO SMART.
20 YOU'RE GOING TO GET INTO THIS. IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, I
21 JUST-- LET ME JUST ASK YOU A DEVIL'S ADVOCATE QUESTION. ONE OF
22 ARE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS IS GOING TO BE TO LIMIT IT TO 20
23 HOURS, CORRECT?

24

25 **MIKE HENRY:** YES, FOR WHILE THEY'RE IN SCHOOL.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DO YOU THINK-- WHY DO WE THINK PEOPLE,
3 STUDENTS WORK 40 HOURS PER WEEK WHEN THEY'RE IN SCHOOL?

4

5 **MIKE HENRY:** THAT HAS BEEN A LONG-STANDING PRACTICE OF WHAT
6 DEPARTMENTS HAVE DONE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DO YOU THINK THE STUDENT WORKS THAT
9 LONG?

10

11 **MIKE HENRY:** TO GIVE THEM ENOUGH TIME TO ATTEND SCHOOL AND ALSO
12 DO THEIR HOMEWORK.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE NOT ANSWERING THE QUESTION. LISTEN TO
15 MY QUESTION.

16

17 **MIKE HENRY:** GO AHEAD.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL DO IT SLOWLY. WHY DO YOU THINK A
20 STUDENT WOULD CHOOSE TO WORK 40 HOURS A WEEK WHILE THEY'RE
21 GOING TO SCHOOL AS OPPOSED TO 20?

22

23 **MIKE HENRY:** THEY MIGHT CHOOSE THAT IF THEY ARE GOING TO SCHOOL
24 AT NIGHT OR THEY'RE TAKING CLASSES ONLINE.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, COME ON, MIKE.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BECAUSE THEY NEED THE MONEY.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXACTLY, MIKE. I MEAN YOU NEVER HAD TO DO THAT?

6 [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **MIKE HENRY:** BECAUSE THEY NEED THE MONEY, CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAYBE THE PROBLEM IS THAT YOU HAVEN'T BEEN A
11 STUDENT WORKER IN A WHILE.

12

13 **MIKE HENRY:** I STARTED AS A C.E.T.A. WORKER.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO DID MOST OF A GOOD NUMBER OF MY STAFF
16 DID. THEY NEED THE MONEY. AND HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE HEARD
17 GREAT SUCCESS STORIES OF PEOPLE WHO SAY "I BUSTED MY BEHIND. I
18 WORKED TILL MIDNIGHT DOING X. AND GO TO SCHOOL AT 7:00 IN THE
19 MORNING, MAKING SURE I GOT TO THE 8:00 CLASS. AT 12:00 WENT
20 BACK TO WORK. HAD TWO JOBS." AND NOW THEY'RE A BILLIONAIRE
21 INVESTOR BANKERS, OR THEY WERE UNTIL LAST WEEK.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT WAS MY LIFE STORY EXCEPT FOR THE LAST PART.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ME, TOO. SO THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE QUESTION
2 I'M RAISING IS, WHY 20 HOURS? WE'RE MAKING THE VALUE JUDGMENT
3 THAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE STUDENTS AND DOING THEIR
4 HOMEWORK AND BE IN THE LIBRARY STUDYING. THEY ARE MAKING THE
5 VALUE JUDGMENT THAT THEY HAVE TO PAY THE RENT AND PAY THE 75
6 BUCKS FOR THAT HEALTH FEE AT CAL. STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS, IS
7 AFTER ALL \$75, AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE AND ALL THAT
8 SORT OF THING. IF THEY CAN MAKE IT WORK FOR THEM AS LONG AS IN
9 TERMS OF LONGEVITY, IF THEY COULD MAKE IT WORK FOR THEM. WHY
10 WOULD WE LIMIT TO 20 HOURS? WHY NOT 30 OR 35?

11

12 **MIKE HENRY:** THAT'S THE WAY THE CURRENT PROGRAM IS. IT IS NOT
13 LIMITED. BUT IN OUR NEW RECOMMENDATIONS--

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT IS NOT LIMITED IN ANY WAY. YOU COULD BE
16 WORKING 40 HOURS FOR 28 YEARS AS A STUDENT WORKER.

17

18 **MIKE HENRY:** MOST OF THIS CURRENT STUDENT WORKERS ARE WORKING
19 LESS THAN 40 HOURS. THERE ARE THOSE ISSUES WHERE THERE ARE
20 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE WORKING MORE.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT PERCENTAGE WOULD YOU SAY?

23

24 **MIKE HENRY:** I THINK IT WAS --

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** 40 PERCENT ARE WORKING MORE THAN 30 HOURS.

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3 **MIKE HENRY:** 64 OUT OF THE 829 THAT ARE ON THE C.W.T.A.P.S.
4 REPORT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE WORKING 40 HOURS?

7

8 **MIKE HENRY:** WORKING 40 HOURS OR MORE.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 40 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS
11 OR 330 OF THESE 829 STUDENTS ARE WORKING MORE THAN 30 HOURS?

12

13 **MIKE HENRY:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH IS THREE QUARTERS TIME OR MORE. I'D BE
16 CURIOUS. COULD YOU PROVIDE US WITH A BREAKOUT OF THAT IF YOU
17 ALREADY HAVE IT? YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT NOW. BUT I'D LIKE TO
18 SEE THE BREAKOUT. WHAT PERCENTAGE ARE AT 20, 20 TO 30 AND THAT
19 SORT OF THING.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND OF COURSE I WANT TO SEE IT.

22

23 **MIKE HENRY:** WE'LL GIVE IT TO THE ENTIRE BOARD.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, THANKS.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, IF THERE'S NOTHING FURTHER.

3 WHERE IS GLORIA? WE COULD WAIT UNTIL SHE COMES BACK. MOVED ON
4 ITEM 23 AND 37, MOVED BY--

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR THAT WAS ITEM 28 AND 37.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 28 AND 37?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS IS ON WHAT THOUGH? THIS IS JUST THE NURSE,
11 THE OTHER ISSUES THAT WERE BROUGHT UP DURING THAT--

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NURSES, RIGHT. MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY,
14 SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION. THE NEXT ITEM IS ITEM
15 30. HELD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. PATRICIA MULCAHEY.

16

17 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** IN REGARDS TO ITEM 30, I'M REQUESTING AN
18 INVESTIGATION. THE REASON IS THERE HAS BEEN SUCH A LARGE
19 INCREASE OF FOSTER WARDS BEING BEING CLASSIFIED AS
20 HANDICAPPED, THAT IS TRULY NOT HANDICAPPED. I DO BELIEVE WE
21 SPOKE ABOUT THIS A YEAR AGO AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SAID
22 THEY WERE GOING TO LOOK INTO THIS. THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE.
23 BEFORE, I HAD A SOCIAL WORKER WHO INFORMED ME THAT THEY PLACED
24 MY YOUNGER DAUGHTER, KAYLA, WITH THE REGIONAL CITY, BECAUSE
25 THEY JUST WANTED THE HIGHER FEDERAL RATE. TO DO SOMETHING LIKE



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1 THAT IS LEGALLY AND MORALLY WRONG. ALSO I'M REQUESTING TO SEE
2 WHY, AND I'M REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
3 INVESTIGATE THIS TO SEE HOW MANY OTHER FOSTER WARDS THIS HAS
4 BEEN DONE TO FOR THE D.C.F.S. TO GET THE HIGHER FEDERAL RATE.
5 IN OTHER WORDS, THEY'RE PLACING KIDS THAT ARE NOT HANDICAPPED
6 WITH THE REGIONAL CENTER JUST FOR THE HIGHER FEDERAL RATE,
7 WHICH IS LEGALLY AND MORALLY WRONG TO DO THAT. AND THE BOARD
8 OF SUPERVISORS SAID THEY WERE GOING TO INVESTIGATE THIS. IT IS
9 ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO. THAT HAS NOT BEEN DONE. AND I
10 WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY THAT HAS NOT BEEN DONE, SUPERVISOR
11 BURKE.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE TO SPEAK TO YOU FROM THE
14 DEPARTMENT.

15

16 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** OKAY. AND ALSO, SINCE WE'RE ON THIS, I WANT
17 TO KNOW WHY THAT THESE SOCIAL WORKERS CAN COMMIT PERJURY TO
18 REMOVE CHILDREN. THAT IS NOT RIGHT AT ALL. BECAUSE I KNOW IF I
19 WAS IN A COURT AND IF I SAID FALSE STATEMENTS, THEY WOULD
20 ARREST ME ON PERJURY CHARGES. SO WHY CAN THESE SOCIAL WORKERS
21 RIP FAMILIES APART BY COMMITTING PERJURY? THAT IS NOT RIGHT
22 ALSO. SO COULD YOU LOOK INTO THIS? YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO
23 LOOK INTO WHY THEY PLACED MY DAUGHTER WITH AN ILLEGAL ALIEN
24 THAT WAS ABLE TO SEXUALLY ABUSE HER FOR 50 TO 75 TIMES FROM
25 THE AGE OF 10 TO 12 1/2. THAT HAS NOT BEEN DONE EITHER. SO



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1 WOULD YOU LOOK INTO SEEING WHY THERE HAS BEEN SUCH A LARGE
2 INCREASE OF KIDS BEING CLASSIFIED AS HANDICAPPED THAT ARE
3 TRULY NOT HANDICAPPED?

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, IT'S HARD FOR ME TO FIND OUT IF A
6 CHILD IS NOT HANDICAPPED IS LISTED AS HANDICAPPED. HOWEVER, WE
7 CAN GET YOU THE NUMBER LISTED AS HANDICAPPED.

8

9 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** YEAH, AS LIKE I SAID, MY YOUNGER DAUGHTER,
10 I HAD THE SOCIAL WORKER INFORM ME, THEY PLACED HER WITH THE
11 REGIONAL CENTER JUST BECAUSE THEY WANTED A HIGHER FEDERAL
12 RATE, WHICH IS LEGALLY AND MORALLY WRONG.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND ACTUALLY, ANY TIME YOU RAISE THAT KIND
15 OF AN ISSUE, THAT CAN BE LOOKED AT BY THE DEPARTMENT. ALL
16 RIGHT. THANK YOU. ABBY OVITSKY.

17

18 **ABBY OVITSKY:** HI. I SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT BUT I NOTICED
19 THIS AGENDA ITEM AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I DON'T THINK
20 YOU SHOULD INCREASE THE AMOUNT THAT D.C.F.S. SPENDS ON ANY
21 KIND OF EDUCATION UNTIL YOU FIND OUT HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE
22 ALREADY IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, ONLY BECAUSE THEY ARE BEING
23 HOME SCHOOLED. HOME SCHOOLED IN ACCREDITED PROGRAMS. HOME-
24 SCHOOLED BY C.A.V.A CALIFORNIA VIRTUAL ACADEMY, WHICH IS AN
25 ACCREDITED, LICENSED, FULLY DOCUMENTED SCHOOL. IT HAPPENS TO



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1 BE ONLINE. D.C.F.S. DOESN'T KNOW IT'S REAL. THEY TAKE THE KID
2 AWAY JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE BEING HOME- SCHOOLED. I WOULDN'T
3 GIVE THEM ONE MORE DOLLAR UNTIL THEY TELL YOU HOW MANY KIDS
4 HAVE BEEN REMOVED JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE BEING HOME SCHOOLED IN
5 APPROVED PROGRAMS. AND BEFORE THEY TAKE THE KIDS AWAY, BEFORE
6 THEY SHOW ANY RISK, IT COULD BE TWO OR THREE OR FOUR MONTHS
7 BEFORE THERE'S ANY TRIAL OR OPPORTUNITY FOR ANYONE TO SPEAK
8 AND TO DOCUMENT THE REAL FACTS. IN THE MEANTIME, SOME KIDS,
9 LIKE MY SON, WHO IS GIFTED, IS ACTUALLY GETTING A WORSE
10 EDUCATION IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAN HE WAS GETTING IN THE
11 CALIFORNIA VIRTUAL ACADEMY WHERE HE SCORED IN THE TOP 1
12 PERCENT IN THE NATION ON THE STAR EXAM FOR 2008, THAT WAS
13 GIVEN IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. I HAVE SOME MORE COMMENTS I'LL
14 MAKE LATER ON OTHER TOPICS.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ON THAT ITEM, MOVED BY
17 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT'S
18 ITEM 30. WITHOUT OBJECTION. ON 35, HELD FOR A MEMBER OF THE
19 PUBLIC. MR. SACHS, ARE YOU ON YOUR WAY?

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21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARNOLD
22 SACHS. TWO PARTS TO THIS ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA REGARDING
23 SHERIFF'S CONTRACT. A, WAS IT TWO MONTHS AGO OR LESS YOU HAD
24 CONTRACTS WITH ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT, SANTA CLARITA AND
25 FOOTHILL TRANSIT FOR SHERIFF'S SERVICE? AND I'M WONDERING: ONE



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1 OF THEM WENT THROUGH AND THE OTHER TWO WERE HELD. THIS IS ALL
2 SHERIFF'S SERVICE? NOT INCLUDING THOSE THREE TRANSIT AGENCIES?
3 IS THIS JUST SHERIFF'S SERVICE FOR THE M.T.A. AND EXCLUDING
4 OTHER AGENCIES? JUST THE DIFFERENTIAL THERE. AND I KNOW THIS
5 IS NOT NECESSARILY THE TIME FOR AN ANSWER OR TO RE-OPEN
6 DISCUSSIONS, AND I'M NOT LOOKING TO GET INTO THE RIGHTS OR
7 WRONGS, BUT WITH THE METROLINK UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT THAT
8 HAPPENED A WEEK AGO OR OVER, THE POLICE OFFICER THAT WAS
9 RIDING ON THE CAR WAS IN A UNIFORM. AND I KNOW AT ONE TIME IT
10 HAD BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE THE L.A.C.M.T.A. BOARD A POLICY OF
11 HAVING UNIFORMED OFFICERS RIDE IN THE CARS. AND I DON'T
12 BELIEVE THAT THAT WAS EVER FULLY DISCUSSED, FULLY-- HAD ANY
13 KIND OF PUBLIC INPUT OR WHERE THAT STOOD ON THE AGENDA. WAS IT
14 JUST BROUGHT UP, DISCUSSED AT THAT MEETING AND THEN PUT OFF TO
15 BE HEARD AT ANOTHER MEETING? AND BEING AS IT OCCURRED OVER TWO
16 YEARS AGO, IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE THAT BROUGHT BACK BEFORE
17 M.T.A. AND FIND OUT WHAT HAS BEEN DECIDED. THERE WAS SOME
18 LIABILITY ISSUES IF AN OFFICER WAS IN UNIFORM, WOULD THEY BE
19 ON DUTY OR NOT BE ON DUTY. AND IT WOULD BE NICE TO GET ANSWERS
20 ON THOSE QUESTIONS, ESPECIALLY SINCE M.T.A. IS FACING SUCH
21 BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS AS WE'VE HEARD IN ONE OF THE BOARD
22 MEETINGS LAST WEEK, THAT THERE ARE GOING TO BE \$40 MILLION IN
23 THE HOLE TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR. AND WHERE IS THE MONEY
24 GOING TO COME FROM? AND ANY MONEY THAT YOU CAN REDIRECT IN THE



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1 BUDGET WOULD CERTAINLY BE HELPFUL FOR THE PUBLIC RIDERS. THANK
2 YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND YOUR ATTENTION.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED
5 BY MOLINA. THIS IS ON 35? WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM
6 38? UPDATE BY C.E.O.?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE GET AT 11.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IN CONJUNCTION WITH METROLINK [INAUDIBLE].
11 ARE THEY HERE? THIS IS THE C.E.O. TO GIVE US AN UPDATE? ITEM
12 38 ON METROLINK, YEAH.

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ARE YOU READY? WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO GIVE AN
15 UPDATE ON THE DETAILS AND PARAMETERS FOR A VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE
16 FUND TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND GOVERNMENT SUPPORT
17 FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE RECENT METROLINK CRASH. WE'RE WORKING
18 RIGHT NOW WITH THE ASSISTANT C.E.O. OF METROLINK AND THE
19 COUNTY OF VENTURA'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. AT THIS POINT IN
20 TIME, METROLINK HAS IDENTIFIED THREE AVENUES FOR DONATIONS.
21 IT'S THE METROLINK 111 ASSISTANCE FUND TO BANK AMERICA. THERE
22 IS ALSO THE SIMI VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 501 [C] (3,)
23 WHICH IS SET UP FOR DONATIONS. AND THEN MOORPARK CHAMBER OF
24 COMMERCE WILL ALSO ACCEPT DONATIONS THROUGH WELLS FARGO.
25 THERE'S ONE PROBLEM IS THAT THE METROLINK IN MOORPARK FUNDS



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1 ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T HAD THE TIME TO
2 SET UP A 501 [C] (3). WHAT WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW IS WORKING
3 WITH THE VENTURA COUNTY C.E.O. AND HIS STAFF TO COORDINATE OUR
4 EFFORTS WITH THE CITY OF SIMI VALLEY TO ESTABLISH A POSSIBLE
5 FUND TO THE VENTURA COUNTY FOUNDATION, WHICH WILL ALSO PROVIDE
6 FOR THAT. WE HOPE WE WILL PROVIDE FOR THAT TAX DEDUCTIBLE
7 STATUS. THE COUNTY IS ALSO WORKING WITH METROLINK TO DEVELOP
8 CRITERIA AND A PROCESS FOR COLLECTING AND DISBURSING THE FUNDS
9 AND ALSO DESIGNING OUTREACH AND PROMOTIONAL STRATEGIES TO
10 SOLICIT DONATIONS FROM OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND OTHER
11 CONCERNED OR INTERESTED PARTIES. THERE'S A MEETING THIS WEEK
12 WITH THE SIMI VALLEY, MOORPARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND I
13 BELIEVE METROLINK REPRESENTATIVES, FOR THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE,
14 AND WE'LL BE SENDING STAFF TO THAT MEETING. I KNOW THERE'S
15 CONCERN THAT WE NEED TO MOVE VERY, VERY QUICKLY ON THIS, BUT
16 THE THREE ENTITIES I'VE MENTIONED ARE WORKING WITH THE
17 NECESSARY DUE DILIGENCE AND ARE TRYING TO MOVE FORWARD AS
18 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WE'LL BE PROVIDING MORE INFORMATION TO
19 THIS BOARD. AND WITH YOUR APPROVAL, ONCE IT'S DONE, WE'LL ALSO
20 DISTRIBUTE IT TO OUR OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AS QUICKLY AS
21 POSSIBLE. ANYTHING ELSE?

22
23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I ASK THAT ITEM C.S.-2 BE PUT OVER TO THE
24 NEXT MEETING, OCTOBER 7TH.



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** C.S.-2?

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3 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE ALSO NEED TO CONTINUE C.S.-1.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT HEAD TO
6 READ HIS OWN CORRECTIVE ACTION? THAT ONE?

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** C.S.-1 IS A PROBATION ITEM THAT WE DO NEED TO
9 CARRY OVER. I HEARD SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ALSO ASK FOR C.S.-2
10 TO BE CARRIED OVER.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH ONE IS HE CARRYING OVER?

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I ASKED THAT C.S.-2 BE PUT OVER FOR TWO
15 WEEKS. YOU'RE ASKING THAT C.S.-1 BE PUT OVER FOR, WHEN, TWO
16 WEEKS?

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I WOULD SAY TO OCTOBER 7TH SO WE HAVE THE FULL
19 BOARD HERE.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S TWO WEEKS.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT'S RIGHT. WE'RE DARK NEXT WEEK. THAT'S
24 RIGHT, SO IT WOULD BE TO OCTOBER 7TH, AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS
25 ON POINT. C.S.-1.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO BOTH OF THEM ARE BEING PUT OVER?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** UNLESS THERE'S OBJECTION. NO. OKAY.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE THEY BOTH BE PUT OVER, THEN.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA
9 THAT C.S.-1 AND C.S.-2 BE PLACED OVER FOR TWO WEEKS. WITHOUT
10 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, I HAVE A MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK
13 AND HAVE MY STAFF PASS IT OUT.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAVE YOU DONE YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DIDN'T HAVE ANY. "THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF
18 LOS ANGELES HAVE THE ABILITY TO VALIDATE AND REDUCE LOS
19 ANGELES COUNTY EXISTING UTILITY USERS TAX 'MEASURE U.' OVER
20 THE LAST DECADE THE PROCEEDS FROM THE EXISTING U.U.T. WERE
21 USED BY THIS BOARD TO SUPPORT CRITICAL LAW ENFORCEMENT,
22 SAFETY, HEALTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES IN THE
23 UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. IT IS FITTING THAT THOSE
24 WHO ARE TAXED RECEIVE THE BENEFIT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. MY
25 CONCERN HOWEVER, IS THAT MANY MEASURES, INCLUDING TAX MEASURES



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1 ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT, RESIDENTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED MAY
2 NOT BE RECEIVING CLEAR, INFORMATIVE AND UNBIASED INFORMATION
3 ABOUT 'MEASURE U' AND ITS DIRECT IMPACT ON THEIR LIVES. UNTIL
4 RECENTLY, IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT PUBLIC AGENCIES WHICH
5 VOTE TO PUT MEASURES ON THE BALLOT COULD NOT ALSO VOTE TO
6 ALLOCATE PUBLIC FUNDS TO SUPPORT A MEDIA CAMPAIGN ABOUT THOSE
7 SAME MEASURES. HOWEVER RECENTLY, COUNTY COUNSEL IN
8 COORDINATION WITH THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY,
9 DETERMINED THAT M.T.A. MAY LEGALLY ALLOCATE OVER \$4.1 MILLION
10 FOR OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND THE PROVISION OF IMPARTIAL
11 INFORMATION MATERIALS TO 'MEASURE R' TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD IN LOS
12 ANGELES. IN LIGHT OF THIS UNDERSTANDING, EACH OF THE RESIDENTS
13 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES DESERVE THE SAME
14 OPPORTUNITY TO BE INFORMED ABOUT THE U.U.T., 'MEASURE U.' I
15 THEREFORE MOVE THAT C.E.O, IN COORDINATION WITH APPROPRIATE
16 COUNTY AGENCIES AND COUNTY COUNSEL, IMMEDIATELY DEVELOP A
17 FAIR, IMPARTIAL AND ACCURATE OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
18 THAT WILL INFORM RESIDENTS OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE
19 COUNTY ABOUT THE UTILITY USERS TAX ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. THE
20 PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE DIRECT MAIL TO EACH HOUSEHOLD AND THE
21 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, REGIONAL NEWSPAPERS, VEHICLE SPACE,
22 RADIO AND INFORMATION ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE. COUNTY COUNSEL
23 WILL REVIEW ALL MATERIALS TO ENSURE THAT ANY INFORMATION
24 PROVIDED IS FAIR, IMPARTIAL AND ACCURATE. AND, TWO, THAT THE



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1 C.E.O. WILL ALLOCATE \$12 MILLION FOR THIS INFORMATIONAL
2 PROGRAM."

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S FOR NEXT MEETING?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE NEXT AGENDA.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT WE
9 HAVE BEFORE US?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE AN ADJOURNING MOTION.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ADJOURNING MOTION, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
14 SORRY, SORRY.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
17 CHARLES WHITEBREAD, A LONG TIME PROFESSOR OF U.S.C. SCHOOL OF
18 LAW, NATIONALLY KNOWN AND RESPECTED EXPERT ON U.S. SUPREME
19 COURT AND CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE LAW WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
20 OF 65. IN ADDITION TO HIS LEGAL WORK, CHARLES WHITEBREAD WAS A
21 GENEROUS SUPPORTER OF LOS ANGELES GAY AND LESBIAN CENTER,
22 DONATING AND RAISING MORE THAN HALF A MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE
23 CENTER'S PROJECTS OVER THE YEARS. HE WAS KNOWN AND LOVED BY
24 THE STUDENTS FOR WHOM HE SERVED AS A MENTOR. HE IS SURVIVED BY
25 HIS LIFE PARTNER JOHN GOLDEN, MICHAEL KELLY, A FRIEND WHO



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1 LIVED WITH HIM AS A FAMILY MEMBER, A SISTER, ANN POWER, AND A
2 BROTHER JOSEPH WHITEBREAD.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, IF I COULD ASK THE C.E.O., ARE
7 YOU PLANNING ON OCTOBER 7TH TO BRING THE BUDGET SUPPLEMENTARY
8 CLOSING TO THE BOARD?

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** STILL THE PLAN?

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAD SPOKEN TO YOU ABOUT THIS BRIEFLY
17 YESTERDAY. AND I WANT, RATHER THAN PUT A WRITTEN MOTION
18 TOGETHER, I'D LIKE YOU TO IMMEDIATELY, AS YOU PREPARE FOR THE
19 PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD-- I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
20 FINANCIAL REPERCUSSIONS OF FINANCIAL INSTABILITY THAT WE'RE
21 WATCHING IN THE MARKETPLACE, IN THE MONEY MARKETPLACE ACROSS
22 THE COUNTRY AND AROUND THE WORLD. EVENTUALLY IT'S GOING TO
23 COME HOME TO ROOST FOR US, TOO, BOTH IN PENSION OBLIGATIONS,
24 OUR OBLIGATIONS TO THE PENSION FUND AS WELL AS THE
25 IMPLICATIONS IT HAS FOR THE COUNTY'S OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE. I



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1 WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO CONSIDER ALL THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE
2 LOOKED AT IN THE WAY OF NEW PROGRAMS FOR THE COMING YEAR
3 WHETHER IT WOULDN'T BE PRUDENT TO MOST, IF NOT ALL CASES,
4 FREEZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE PROGRAMS FOR AT LEAST UNTIL
5 THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR UNTIL WE SEE HOW THIS ALL SHAKES
6 OUT AND TO HOLD ONTO THAT CASH AND SOCK IT AWAY FOR THE RAINY
7 DAY THAT MAY BE COMING SOONER THAN WE THINK. I'M VERY
8 CONCERNED THAT WE BE PREPARED TO WITHSTAND THE VICISSITUDES OF
9 THIS MESS THAT'S HAPPENING IN WALL STREET RIGHT NOW. THE
10 FRIGHTENING THING IS THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MOST
11 KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THIS BUSINESS DON'T HAVE A CLUE AS TO
12 WHAT'S GOING ON. AND I KNOW WHAT I KNOW. AND I KNOW WHAT I
13 DON'T KNOW. BUT WHEN I TURN TO PEOPLE WHO I THINK SHOULD KNOW
14 AND THEY SAY "I HAVE NO IDEA," THIS IS A REAL PROBLEM. AND
15 IT'S GOING TO AFFECT US. WE ARE A \$23 BILLION CORPORATION,
16 BIGGEST EMPLOYER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ONE OF THE BIGGEST IN
17 THE STATE. WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS ECONOMIC IMPACT WHEN WE MOVE,
18 AND WE'LL HAVE A TREMENDOUS NEGATIVE IMPACT WHEN WE'RE HIT..
19 WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO HAVE ABSORPTION CAPACITY. SO I'M ASKING
20 THAT YOU KIND OF RE-VISIT YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS, AND ALL THE
21 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE'VE MADE, MAYBE VET IT WITH US OVER THE
22 NEXT TWO WEEKS. BUT I WOULD SERIOUSLY ENTERTAIN SOME FORM OF
23 FREEZE ON NEW PROGRAMS OTHER THAN THE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL
24 ONES THAT WE NEED TO DO FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH SO THAT
25 WE LEAVE OURSELVES AS MUCH MANEUVERING ROOM AS WE CAN HAVE.



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND. WE STARTED THIS EXERCISE. IN

3 LOOKING AT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE FINANCIAL MARKETS, AS IT

4 IMPACTS OUR LOCAL ECONOMY, MORE IMPORTANT OUR NATIONAL, THEN

5 YOU GO TO GLOBAL ECONOMY, WE'RE STARTING TO LOOK AT THE

6 BUDGET, NOT ONLY WHAT WAS-- WILL BE SENT FORWARD TO THE

7 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET PROCESS, BUT ALSO THE BUDGET THAT WAS

8 APPROVED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. WE WILL BE LOOKING AT NEW

9 PROGRAMS. WE WILL BE LOOKING AT HOW WE USE OUR FUND BALANCE.

10 WHAT MONEY SHOULD GO FORTH FOR CRITICAL PROGRAMS THAT DO

11 ADDRESS PUBLIC SAFETY OR HEALTH. AND OTHER ISSUES. WE KNOW

12 THAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY JUST MENTIONED PENSION PROGRAMS.

13 WE KNOW OUR OBLIGATION RELATED TO HOW MUCH WE NEED TO

14 CONTRIBUTE TO OUR OWN FINANCIAL PROGRAM TO KEEP IT AT AN

15 AGREED-UPON FUNDING LEVEL. AND SO WE ARE LOOKING AT SEVERAL

16 OPTIONS. WE WILL BE WORKING WITH EACH OF YOUR OFFICES. JUST TO

17 GIVE SOMEWHAT OF A HINT OF WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT, IT WILL BE A

18 STRUCTURED HIRING PROGRAM. I THINK WE NEED TO BE EXTREMELY

19 PRUDENT ON WHAT POSITIONS WE FILL ON A GO-FORWARD BASIS,

20 ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT

21 POSITIONS WHERE WE MAY HAVE TO ASK OTHER PEOPLE TO STEP UP AND

22 TAKE ON SOME OF THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES. WE NEED TO LOOK AT

23 SOME OF OUR PROGRAMS THAT, IN THE BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES, WOULD

24 BE CHARACTERIZED AS DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS, THAT DON'T SPEAK

25 TO OUR PRINCIPAL MISSIONS OR RESPONSIBILITIES, BUT SOMETHING



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1 THAT WE COULD GO FORWARD IF TIMES ARE BETTER. BUT WE WILL BE
2 COMING FORWARD WITH SOME OPTIONS THROUGH THE SUPPLEMENTAL
3 BUDGET. BUT KNOW THAT WE'LL BE SETTING ASIDE A NUMBER OF
4 FUNDING OR PROGRAMS THAT WERE RECENTLY APPROVED OR THAT ARE
5 CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED, AND WE'LL COME BACK TO YOU AND SAY
6 LET'S WAIT UNTIL JANUARY. BECAUSE WE'RE HOPING THAT GIVEN
7 WHAT'S HAPPENING IN D.C., UP IN SACRAMENTO, WE'LL HAVE CLARITY
8 IN JANUARY OF WHERE THE FEDERAL BUDGET'S GOING AND WHAT THE
9 NATIONAL-- AND THEN I DON'T WANT TO USE A BAD TERM, BUT AS FOR
10 THE NATIONAL, AS IT COMES DOWN TO THE STATE AND TO OUR COUNTY
11 WHAT THE LOCAL FINANCIAL SITUATION IS. I THINK EVERYONE KNOWS
12 THESE ARE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES. I FIND IT JUST AMAZING. I'M
13 READING AS MUCH AS I CAN, BUT WE'RE TALKING TO EVERYONE, EVEN
14 INVESTMENT COMMUNITIES. WHAT WE HAVE IN OUR REVENUE PROJECTION
15 IS A VERY MODEST REVENUE GROWTH WHEN IT COMES TO INVESTMENT
16 EARNINGS, OUR INTEREST EARNINGS. WE DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO
17 HIT THAT TARGET. BECAUSE THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT THE INTEREST
18 EARNINGS ON A GO-FORWARD BASIS ARE MINUSCULE. AND YET WE'RE
19 BEING VERY CONSERVATIVE. SO WE WILL DO THAT. WE HAVE STARTED
20 THAT EXERCISE ALREADY. WE WILL HAVE INFORMATION FOR YOU IN A
21 COUPLE OF WEEKS. BUT THIS IS SOMETHING WE NEED TO BE EXTREMELY
22 VIGILANT OVER BECAUSE I THINK IT'S GOING TO-- I THINK THE
23 WORST IS STILL COMING.
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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I AGREE THAT-- YOU ARE PLANNING ON BRINGING
2 SOMETHING MORE FORMAL THAN THAT, RIGHT?

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR. I LISTENED ALL WEEKEND
7 LONG TRYING TO FIGURE IT OUT. I READ THE "NEW YORK TIMES." I
8 AM STILL TRYING TO UNDERSTAND IT AND THE COMPLEXITY OF IT. I
9 DON'T KNOW WHAT THE POOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE GOING TO DO.
10 I FEEL BADLY FOR THEM BECAUSE SOMEBODY'S JAMMING THIS DOWN
11 THEIR THROATS. BUT I DO REALLY THINK IT'S GOING TO HAVE
12 UNBELIEVABLE IMPLICATIONS, INCLUDING WHAT I MENTIONED TO YOU
13 WITH H.U.D. POTENTIALLY HAVING AN INVENTORY OF HOUSES THAT ARE
14 GOING TO BE MAYBE NOT IN OUR HANDS, BUT MAYBE AVAILABLE, AND
15 IF WE DON'T PLAN FOR IT-- BUT I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT
16 IT MEANS FOR US AT DIFFERENT LEVELS. I'M NOT SO SURE I
17 UNDERSTAND IT, AND THE COMPLEXITY OF IT. YOU'RE RIGHT. I'VE
18 ASKED VARIOUS FOLKS, AS WELL. EVERYBODY THROWS THEIR HANDS UP
19 OR THEY MAKE ASSUMPTIONS THAT IT'S GOING TO BE BAD AND IT'S
20 GOING TO GET WORSE BEFORE IT GETS BETTER. BUT IT'S HARD TO
21 UNDERSTAND ITS IMPLICATION ON US. I THINK WE NEED SOMETHING
22 MORE FORMAL I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO THAT

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24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT WILL BE ABSOLUTELY FORMAL.. WHAT I
25 MENTIONED IS THAT WE STARTED THE EXERCISE RIGHT NOW. WE ASKED-



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1 - WE HAD A MEETING WHERE WE STARTED WORKING WITH DEPARTMENTS
2 TO IDENTIFY, WE SHOULD GO AS FAR AS, IT SOUNDS SIMPLE, BUT
3 PRIORITIZING OUR PROGRAMS WITHIN EACH DEPARTMENT. BECAUSE WHEN
4 WE DO HAVE TO CUT, WE SHOULD ALREADY HAVE THAT POLICY
5 DISCUSSION AMONGST THIS BOARD AND OUR OFFICES OF WHAT GOES
6 FORWARD DURING A CRITICAL TIME LIKE THIS AND MAYBE WHAT
7 DOESN'T. WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT-- WE'RE LOOKING AT ACCOUNTS
8 THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE COUNTY. WE SHOULD LOOK AT OUR CAPITAL
9 PROGRAMS. THERE ARE CAPITAL PROGRAMS THAT WE SHOULD SEND
10 FORWARD, WE MUST SEND FORWARD. WE'RE GOING TO FINISH-- WE'RE
11 IN THE MIDDLE OF A NEW SHERIFF'S STATION IN SUPERVISOR BURKE'S
12 DISTRICT. THAT WE'RE GOING TO FINISH. I HAVE A RECENT REQUEST
13 FOR ANOTHER ONE IN AN UNINCORPORATED AREA. THAT ONE WE'LL
14 PROBABLY HAVE TO PUT ON HOLD. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO EVERY
15 SINGLE FUNDING PROGRAM IN THE COUNTY, THIS IS THE TIME WE NEED
16 TO LOOK AT IT. AND WE NEED TO COME FORWARD, YOUR BOARD, AND
17 GIVE YOU OUR RECOMMENDATIONS. THERE IS MONEY IN A NUMBER OF
18 FUNDS THAT HISTORICALLY GO FORWARD ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. BUT IN
19 MY MIND, I THINK IN ANYONE'S MIND, THEY CAN BE CONSIDERED
20 DISCRETIONARY FUNDING. WE NEED TO PUT THAT MONEY ASIDE.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL FOR THE TREASURER
23 TO GIVE US A WRITTEN REPORT IN TERMS OF THE-- SOME OF THE
24 LETTERS OF CREDIT BEHIND SOME OF OUR BORROWING.

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL GET HIM TO DO THAT.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AT M.T.A. OR METRO, THEY DID ADVISE US THAT
4 THE ONLY PLACE WE HAD A.I.G. WAS WITH SOME GIGS WHICH WERE
5 GUARANTEED INSTRUMENTS. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR JUST US TO
6 JUST GET AN IDEA OF EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE AS IT RELATES TO SOME
7 BORROWINGS THAT WE HAVE, AND SOME OF THE INSTRUMENTS WE HAVE
8 OUT. I HAD LOOKED AT THE LAST REPORT, AND I GOT THE IMPRESSION
9 THAT WE WERE PRETTY GOOD IN THE FANNIE MAE THING WENT THROUGH.
10 WE HAD FARMERS' HOME LOAN BANK WAS THE ONE THAT I THINK WE
11 HAD, ALL BONDS. SO THAT IT LOOKED AS THOUGH IT WAS REALLY--
12 THAT WE WERE PRETTY SAFE. IT MAY BE JUST FOR THE TREASURER TO
13 SEND TO US A WRITTEN REPORT, GIVING US SOME ANALYSIS OF ANY
14 IMPLICATIONS FOR SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE
15 LAST 10 DAYS.

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17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL GET THAT. WE ALSO HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR
18 RISK MANAGEMENT STAFF TO PREPARE SOME INFORMATION REGARDING
19 THE IMPACT OF AN A.I.G. SITUATION, BECAUSE THEY WERE-- I
20 BELIEVE WE HAVE POLICIES WITH A.I.G. FOR OUR AIRPORTS. SO
21 THERE'S A CONSEQUENCE THERE. BUT WE ARE GOING THROUGH OUR
22 VARIOUS PROGRAMS. AND WHEN PEOPLE HEAR THINGS LIKE HIRING
23 FREEZE, I'M NOT SAYING A FULL BLOWN HIRING FREEZE, BUT I THINK
24 IN A VERY STRUCTURED BASIS WE SHOULD LOOK AT EVERY SINGLE
25 REQUEST TO MAKE SURE IT MEETS OUR CRITICAL MISSION, BUT THEN



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1 ALSO IF I CAN USE AN ANALOGY OF SORTS, WE NEED TO START
2 STORING OUR NUTS, BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY COLD WINTER.
3 I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE A REAL CHALLENGE. BUT IF WE DON'T
4 TAKE THE STEPS NOW, IT WILL MAKE IT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT. BUT
5 WE ARE DOING THAT. WE HAVE ALL OF OUR STAFF WORKING ON THAT
6 NOW. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I SUGGEST THAT, NUMBER ONE, THAT THE
9 TREASURER BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD IN TWO WEEKS IF WE
10 CHOOSE TO. JUST HAVE A WRITTEN REPORT PREPARED SO WE CAN BE
11 PREPARED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. IF WE CAN GET THAT REPORT BY THE
12 END OF NEXT WEEK SO WE CAN STUDY IT OVER THE FOLLOWING
13 WEEKEND. THE OTHER THING IS IF YOU COULD GET WHATEVER YOU'RE
14 PUTTING TOGETHER BY SOME TIME NEXT WEEK WITH OUR STAFFS SO
15 THAT IT DOESN'T BECOME A 5 P.M. THING ON MONDAY, SO WE HAVE A
16 CHANCE TO REACT.

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18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THIS IS GOING TO-- YES, WE WILL. BUT
19 UNDERSTAND BECAUSE OF THE-- I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO GO
20 THROUGH A VERY COMPREHENSIVE PROCESS. THE FIRST STEP IS TO
21 LOOK AT THE BROAD AREAS AND GIVE US-- GIVE YOU OUR SUGGESTIONS
22 AS WE GET INTO INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT MAY TAKE
23 A LITTLE LONGER. BUT WE WILL HAVE INFORMATION TO YOU PROBABLY
24 BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T THINK WE DID. I THINK
2 OUR TREASURER HAS BEEN VERY CONSERVATIVE, HAS AVOIDED THE
3 DERIVATIVE MARKET AND THE NEGOTIATED SALES AND ALL THAT STUFF
4 THAT WE KEEP GETTING OVER THE MANY YEARS. I MEAN THE COWS HAVE
5 COME HOME TO ROOST. I THINK FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW, I THINK
6 WE'RE REASONABLY GOOD SHAPE.

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** FROM OUR INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO, YOU'RE RIGHT.
9 OFTENTIMES, A PROGRAM LIKE OUR INVESTMENT PROGRAM, MANAGED BY
10 OUR TREASURER, IT'S SOMETHING NORMALLY YOU DON'T SEE UNLESS
11 THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG. BUT THE COUNTY'S IN A VERY GOOD
12 PLACE. I LOOKED AT THAT AS ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS I REVIEWED
13 AND SAT DOWN AT LENGTH BECAUSE THERE'S SOME OPPORTUNITIES
14 SOMETIMES. BUT WE HAVE A VERY STRONG INVESTMENT POLICY AS
15 PASSED BY THIS BOARD. AND IT'S BEEN STRICTLY COMPLIED WITH.
16 AND SO WE'RE IN MUCH BETTER STRENGTH, OR IN MUCH BETTER
17 SITUATION THAN A LOT OF MUNICIPALITIES UP AND DOWN THE STATE.
18 SOME FOLKS, FOR WHATEVER REASON, WENT OUT THERE AND TOOK THAT
19 CHANCE, THINKING IT WAS EASY MONEY. OURS IS VERY CONSERVATIVE.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK M.T.A. HAS A FEW PROBLEMS IN THAT
22 REGARD. I'M NOT SURE.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY TOLD US WITH A.I.G. THERE WERE NO
25 PROBLEM, BUT THEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SITUATION WAS WHEN--



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IT'S NOT JUST A.I.G. IT'S HARD TO KNOW
3 WITH WHAT IS GOING ON NOW, WITH THE ACTION THAT CONGRESS IS
4 BEING ASKED TO APPROVE, WHETHER WE MAY SKATE OVER THERE. BUT
5 THEY HAVE BEEN A LITTLE BIT MORE-- A LITTLE LOOSER ABOUT
6 NEGOTIATING BOND DEALS, NOT COMPETITIVELY BIDDING THEM AND
7 BEING BAMBOOZLED-- I DON'T WANT TO SAY BAMBOOZLED BECAUSE THEY
8 ARE PRETTY SMART PEOPLE. I DON'T THINK IT WAS PARTICULARLY
9 SMART TO GET INTO NEGOTIATED DEALS. I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO
10 ARTICULATE WHY UNTIL THE MARKET CRASHES. AND THEN YOU LEARN
11 WHY YOU'RE BEST TO BE CONSERVATIVE. THIS COUNTY, MARK
12 SALADINO, OUR TREASURER, HAS DONE A GOOD JOB. OUR POLICY IS
13 VERY CLEAR ON IT. THE POLICY OF THE M.T.A. HAS BEEN VERY CLEAR
14 BUT IT'S BEEN LIBERALIZED IN THE RECENT YEARS. I DON'T THINK
15 WE'VE HAD ENOUGH TIME OVER THERE TO GET INTO TOO MUCH TROUBLE.
16 MY CONCERN IS NOT THAT. MY CONCERN IS THE ECONOMIC IMPACT, THE
17 RIPPLE EFFECT OF ALL OF THIS STUFF. LOOK AT THE ECONOMIES. THE
18 GROWING UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE COUNTY AND THE STATE. IT'S
19 LIKELY TO ACCELERATE AS A RESULT OF SOME OF THE STUFF THAT'S
20 HAPPENING, UNLESS LIGHTNING STRIKES. THOSE KINDS OF IMPACTS.
21 FACTS LIKE-- D.P.S.S. HAS SAID THAT THE GENERAL RELIEF--

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I WAS GOING TO MENTION THAT. IN THE
24 SUPPLEMENTAL--

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** --IS UP 1 1/2 PERCENT A MONTH OVER THE LAST
2 YEAR?

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES. AND IN OUR SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET PROPOSAL,
5 AND AS WE GO FORWARD, THERE WILL BE A RECOMMENDATION TO
6 INCREASE THAT PROGRAM BECAUSE UNEMPLOYMENT IS UP. GENERAL
7 RELIEF IS UP.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** POVERTY IS UP IN A SERIOUS WAY. I WAS AT A
10 FOOD PANTRY ON SUNDAY IN TARZANA. AND, YES, WE HAVE FOOD
11 PANTRIES IN TARZANA, IN WOODLAND HILLS. AND THE FOLKS THERE AT
12 S.O.V.A., WHICH IS AN ARM OF THE JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE, TOLD
13 ME THAT FROM AUGUST OF 2007 TO AUGUST OF 2008, THE NUMBER OF
14 FAMILIES NOW PARTAKING OF THEIR FREE FOOD PROGRAM IS UP 20, 21
15 PERCENT. THIS IS IN A RELATIVELY AFFLUENT, A RELATIVELY
16 AFFLUENT COMMUNITY. SO I THINK WE'VE ALREADY BEEN SEEING THIS.
17 I'M JUST CONCERNED THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE IN AN ACCELERATING
18 MODE. AND WE'RE GOING TO NEED EVERY-- AT THE END OF THE DAY
19 WHEN THINGS GO BAD, THE COUNTY IS THE PLACE OF LAST RESORT FOR
20 A LOT OF PEOPLE. I THINK WE'VE GOT TO JUST DO WHAT YOU'RE
21 GOING TO DO. SO I APPRECIATE THAT. THIS IS THE DARNEDEST THING
22 I'VE EVER SEEN. I FEEL A LOT BETTER KNOWING THAT THE PEOPLE
23 WHO HAVE LOST HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS LAST WEEK ALSO
24 DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON. BUT THIS IS A GOOD TIME



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1 TO BE A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE, MR. FUJIOKA. [LAUGHTER.] FOR A
2 CHANGE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND OUR RETIREMENT IS SAFE.

5

6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT IS. BUT THERE WILL BE AN IMPACT. BECAUSE
7 RETIREMENT--

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE WILL BE, I KNOW.

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, ESPECIALLY OUR RETIREMENT FUND HAS A LOT
12 OF INVESTMENTS. WITH RESPECT TO A.I.G. AND LEHMAN'S, I JUST
13 RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM MARK THAT STATES THAT WE'RE IN FINE
14 POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THOSE TWO ISSUES. AGAIN, WE ARE
15 FORTUNATE TO HAVE A TREASURER AND TREASURY STAFF WHO ARE VERY
16 VIGILANT IN THIS. AND THEY HAVE BEEN CONSERVATIVE. AND WHEN
17 YOU DEAL WITH SOMEONE LIKE US, THAT'S WHAT WE NEED. BUT WE ARE
18 LOOKING AT THAT. THERE ARE MANY, MANY DIFFERENT CONCERNS. WE
19 RECEIVE, AS YOU KNOW, A LOT OF GRANT FUNDS FOR OUR PUBLIC
20 SAFETY PROGRAMS. THOSE COULD EASILY DRY UP. BECAUSE IF THE
21 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS PULLING ASIDE AND TALKING CLOSE TO 800
22 BILLION. YOU KNOW THAT FIGURE IS GOING TO GROW EASILY TO
23 SUPPORT THIS BAILOUT, WELL THERE'S A CONSEQUENCE SOMEWHERE.
24 I'M PERSONALLY VERY WORRIED ABOUT THE NEXT MEDI-CAL WAIVER.
25 BECAUSE WITH THE STATE, WE'LL GO TO THE TABLE IN JANUARY TO



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1 START NEGOTIATING THE TERMS OF THAT WAIVER. WELL, THE TERMS
2 ARE NORMALLY A CONSEQUENCE OF WHAT'S AVAILABLE. IF THERE'S NOT
3 A WHOLE LOT AVAILABLE, THEN THEY COULD BE VERY, VERY TIGHT ON
4 US AND THAT'S OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT. SO THERE ARE MANY
5 DIFFERENT IMPACTS. BUT WE STARTED THE PROCESS. WE'VE BEEN
6 TALKING ABOUT IT. WE TALKED ABOUT IT LAST WEEK. WE TALKED
7 ABOUT IT AGAIN IN THE LAST FEW DAYS. AND WE WILL BE PROVIDING
8 INFORMATION. BUT THIS WILL BE OUR FOCUS FOR THE NEXT PROBABLY
9 THREE MONTHS, AND WE WILL BE WORKING WITH YOUR BOARD ON IT.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ANYTHING ELSE? PUBLIC COMMENT? WILL
12 SHERMAN. ARNOLD SACHS. SHEILA WARD. ABBY OVITSKY. DID ABBY
13 OVITSKY LEAVE? SHE SPOKE EARLIER. SO LAWRENCE CHANEY. PLEASE
14 STATE YOUR NAME, SIR. MR. SHERMAN?

15

16 **WILL SHERMAN:** MY NAME IS WILL SHERMAN. I'M WITH THE SHERMAN
17 GROUP, INC. THIS IS REGARDING THE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION
18 THAT WAS DUE AND WE FAILED TO GET IT IN TIMELY BACK IN
19 FEBRUARY 29TH, 2008. YOUR BOARD SUBSEQUENTLY ORDERED AND THEY
20 DID A SUPPLEMENTAL. I FILED AN APPLICATION FOR THE
21 SUPPLEMENTAL. MY APPLICATION WAS REJECTED. I HAVE SINCE
22 LEARNED THAT THERE WAS ABOUT 19 OR 20 OF US THAT WERE IMPACTED
23 BY IT AS A RESULT OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL. THERE'S ONLY FIVE OF US
24 LEFT THAT ARE BEING-- THAT HAS BEEN REJECTED. HOWEVER, I'M NOT
25 HERE TO APPEAL THAT REJECTION. WHAT I AM HERE IS TO BRING TO



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1 YOUR BOARD'S ATTENTION THAT THERE WAS AN AUDIT ON MY
2 ORGANIZATION PRIOR TO THE ENTIRE MATTER, AND AS A RESULT OF
3 THAT AUDIT, WE LEARNED THAT WE WERE IN VIOLATION OF
4 MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF SOMEWHERE BETWEEN
5 30 AND \$70,000. AS A RESULT OF THIS PROCESS, WE HAVE DEPLETED
6 OUR RESERVE. AND WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE FUNDS TO MAKE THOSE
7 PAYMENTS RIGHT NOW AND WITHOUT A CONTRACT. THE OTHER THING--
8 SO MY RECOMMENDATION TODAY IS IF THERE IS AT ALL POSSIBLE FOR
9 ME TO PROVIDE OR SIT DOWN WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, I DO
10 HAVE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS THAT CAN MAKE THIS A WIN/WIN
11 SITUATION FOR US AND THE FACT THAT WE ARE GOING TO SHUT DOWN
12 OUR OPERATION HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. BUT IN THE PROCESS OF
13 SHUTTING DOWN, I DON'T WANT TO BE IN DEBT WITH L.A. COUNTY. WE
14 WANT TO PAY OUR BILLS, BUT THE ONLY WAY THAT I FEEL WE CAN DO
15 THAT IS WE NEED TO SIT DOWN WITH SOMEONE, AND I RECOMMEND THE
16 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, TO SEE IF WE CAN RESOLVE THIS ISSUE IN A
17 WIN/WIN SITUATION.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANYONE HERE FROM
20 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER? IF NOT, WHOSE DISTRICT ARE YOU IN?

21

22 **WILL SHERMAN:** THE DISTRICT WHERE MY FACILITIES ARE IS IN THE
23 PALMDALE LANCASTER AREA.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE SOMEONE FROM SUPERVISOR
2 ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE HERE?

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4 **WILL SHERMAN:** WHAT I CAN DO IS, I CAN PRESENT A LETTER TO THAT
5 OFFICE? OR TO ALL OF YOU AND THEN WE CAN SEE WHERE WE CAN GO
6 FROM THERE?

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IF YOU'LL DO THAT. MEANWHILE
9 WE'LL GET YOUR NAME AND MAKE SURE IT GETS TO HIS OFFICE.

10

11 **WILL SHERMAN:** YOU GOT IT. THANK YOU, MA'AM.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS? AND DAVID GARCIA, WOULD YOU
14 PLEASE COME FORWARD?

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. THIS COMING
17 THURSDAY IS THE ANNUAL MONTHLY M.T.A. BOARD MEETING DOWNTOWN
18 AT THE TOWER OF BABEL. AND I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT IN
19 TODAY'S DAILY BREEZE, SUPERVISOR MOLINA MENTIONED SOME FUNDING
20 FOR ADVERTISING. THERE WAS A FULL PAGE ARTICLE, MEASURE R. AND
21 JUST TO SHOW YOU HOW DECEITFUL AND WHATEVER YOU WANT TO SAY
22 AFTER THAT THAT METRO IS, THEY HAVE THIS MAP. THEY HAVE A
23 TABLE OF CONTENTS ABOUT WHAT EVERYTHING MEANS. AND THEY HAVE
24 AN ASTERISK: PROPOSED METRO RAIL AND RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT.
25 AND THEN DOWN BELOW MEASURE R IN THE SOUTH BAY-- BECAUSE DAILY



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1 BREEZE IS A SOUTH BAY NEWSPAPER-- AND THERE'S \$583 MILLION
2 WITH THE STAR, \$227 MILLION WITH ANOTHER STAR. AND PROPOSED
3 METRO RAIL AND RAPID TRANSIT PROJECTS WITH ANOTHER STAR. AND
4 DOWN AT THE BOTTOM, THESE ARE PROJECTED FUNDS OVER A 30-YEAR
5 PERIOD. WELL 30-YEAR PERIOD, YOU'RE TALKING \$30 BILLION. SO
6 583 MILLION OUT OF 30 BILLION DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A LOT OF
7 MONEY. BUT WHAT'S EVEN MORE AMAZING IS IF YOU USED THAT SAME
8 DEFINITION FOR YOUR TABLE REGARDING ALL THE PROJECTS, PROPOSED
9 METRO RAIL AND RAPID TRANSIT PROJECTS AND PROJECTED FUNDS,
10 WHICH DON'T RUN ON THE SAME RAIL LINE, SO TO SPEAK. AND WHILE
11 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PROJECTS, I'D LIKE TO BRING UP THE FACT
12 THAT-- AND I'VE DONE THIS PREVIOUSLY-- THEY'RE DISCUSSING FOUR
13 PROJECTS METRO WAS INVOLVED IN. FROM 1980 THE WILSHIRE WESTERN
14 TO PICO SAN VICENTE WAS FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR
15 2.3-MILE EXTENSION IN 1994. IN 1998, DUE TO FUNDING
16 CONSTRAINTS, METRO SUSPENDED THE PROJECT. THE ORIGINAL RED
17 LINE WAS TO GO FROM DOWNTOWN TO FAIRFAX IN WILSHIRE. BUT AGAIN
18 DUE TO BUDGET CONSTRAINTS, IT WAS NEVER COMPLETED TO FAIRFAX.
19 IT WAS STOPPED IN WESTERN. ANOTHER PROJECT, THAT'S NOT WRITTEN
20 HERE BUT YOU CAN FIND OUT ABOUT FROM THE DOWNTOWN CONNECTER,
21 IS THE BLUE LINE, WHICH BASED ON INFORMATION WAS PROBABLY
22 SUPPOSED TO GO FROM LONG BEACH TO UNION STATION BECAUSE WHEN
23 THEY TALK ABOUT THE BLUE LINE, THE DOWNTOWN CONNECTER, THEY
24 TALK ABOUT SUBMITTING THE ORIGINAL BLUE LINE PLANS. NEVER
25 COMPLETED, LACK OF FUNDS. BUT WHAT WAS STARTED BUT NOT



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1 COMPLETED WAS DIGGING AT FAIRFAX AND THIRD. WHAT PROJECT WAS
2 THAT PART OF? METRO AT ITS FINEST, OUR LEADERS. THANK YOU FOR
3 YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND YOUR ATTENTION.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ABBY OVITSKY WILL COME FORWARD,
6 TOO. MISS WARD, WILL YOU STATE YOUR NAME?

7

8 **SHELIA WARD:** GREETINGS. I'M SHELIA WARD, AND I WOULD LIKE TO
9 SPEAK TO SOMEONE REGARDING THE PROCEDURES FOR AN
10 IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 8 AND SOCIAL SECURITY. WHEREAS I
11 CALLED THE SOCIAL WORKER INVOLVED AND EXPOUNDED UPON THE FACT
12 THAT I COULDN'T GET HOME BECAUSE OF THE HURRICANE AND THE ACT
13 OF GOD, AND I WAS STILL SCHEDULED AN INSPECTION THAT NORMALLY
14 DOESN'T TAKE PLACE UNTIL NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER OF EACH YEAR. I
15 WAS SCHEDULED FOR THE BEGINNING OF THIS MONTH, WHEREAS I JUST
16 EXPOUNDED UPON TO THE SOCIAL WORKER THAT I WASN'T GOING TO BE
17 AVAILABLE BECAUSE OF THE HURRICANES AND TRANSPORTATION AND MY
18 FINANCING. WHEREAS THE CHURCH HAD TO LOAN ME MONEY TO COME
19 HOME, AND I STILL DIDN'T GET THERE IN TIME TO MEET MY
20 INSPECTION. BUT THE WHOLE ISSUE IS I WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT
21 PROCEDURES, BECAUSE IF A PERSON IS ON SECTION 8, WHY IS IT
22 THAT I'M BEHIND RENT FROM 2005? AND THEN WHEN WE BRING IT TO
23 THEIR ATTENTION, THEY JUST EXCLUDED THAT AND THEN THEY STARTED
24 OVER WITH OKAY, YOU'RE BEHIND RENT 2006, 2007 AND 2008. AND
25 I'M SUPPOSED TO HAVE A SOCIAL WORKER ON BOTH ENDS OF THE



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1 GAMUT. PLUS THE INSPECTOR, WHEN THEY COME OUT, THEY'VE NEVER
2 FIXED MY GAS APPARATUS SINCE I'VE BEEN THERE FOR SEVEN YEARS.
3 AND THERE ARE MICE THERE THAT THEY'VE NEVER TAKEN CARE OF THAT
4 JUST DIE WITHOUT ME HAVING TO PUT DOWN ANYTHING TO KILL THEM.
5 ANOTHER ISSUE IS WITH SOCIAL SECURITY SAYING THAT THEY'RE
6 GOING TO DEDUCT \$157 FOR MY INCOME. AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
7 WHY IS THAT? I ONLY WORKED ONE DAY THIS YEAR ON MARTIN LUTHER
8 KING'S BIRTHDAY. I NEVER WENT AND COLLECTED THE \$50 FROM THE
9 UNION FOR DOING THAT WORK. AND BACK IN APRIL, I WAS ACCOSTED
10 BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT HIGHLAND PARK STATION SAYING
11 THAT I'M TRYING TO COMMIT SUICIDE GOING ACROSS THE RAILROAD
12 TRACKS. AND I HAD A BROKEN LEG AND I WASN'T MOVING FAST
13 ENOUGH. THE ARM CAME DOWN AND THEN IT WENT DING DING DING AND
14 I'M STILL GOING. HAD I TURNED AROUND, I WOULD HAVE FALLEN ON
15 THE TRACKS AND NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET UP WITH MY BROKEN LEG. SO
16 I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE REGARDING SECTION 8 SOCIAL
17 SECURITY AND PROCEDURES OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THEN I
18 GOT A TICKET BACK IN APRIL AND THE COURT DATE IS IN SEPTEMBER.
19 NORMALLY IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE SPEEDY AND RAPID COURT DATES. AND
20 THIS IS MAKING PEOPLE FORGET TO GO TO COURT IF YOU HAVE A
21 COURT DATE FIVE MONTHS IN THE FUTURE. SO BASICALLY THOSE ARE
22 THE MAIN COMPLAINTS THAT I HAVE TODAY.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25



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1 **SHELIA WARD:** WHO WOULD I SPEAK TO?

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHOSE DISTRICTS ARE YOU IN?

4

5 **SHELIA WARD:** GLORIA MOLINA.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ONE OF HER STAFF PEOPLE WILL TALK TO YOU.

8 MR. CHANEY, WOULD SHIRLEY EDWARDS PLEASE COME FORWARD?

9

10 **LAWRENCE CHANEY:** MISS BURKE AND MISS MOLINA AND I'M NOT GOING
11 TO MISPRONOUNCE YOUR NAME, ZEV. I'VE BEEN BANNED FROM ONE OF
12 YOUR FACILITIES BY A PATHOLOGICAL LIAR AND AN INCOMPETENT
13 INVESTIGATOR WHICH I WILL PROVE BEYOND A DOUBT. ONE OF YOUR
14 EMPLOYEES FALSELY ACCUSED ME OF A CRIME. THAT'S ILLEGAL. THEN
15 15 OF HER FELLOW CO-WORKERS CONSPIRED TO DO OVER 100 ACTS OUT
16 OF RESPECT TO MISS BURKE, I WENT TO MR. HILL, EXPLAINED, AS
17 ZEV SAID, I TOOK ACCOUNTABILITY OVER A YEAR AGO. WENT TO HIM
18 SO THEY COULD WATCH ALL THESE ACTIVITIES OCCUR. AND
19 UNFORTUNATELY HE SAID THEY COULDN'T DO ANYTHING. I GIVE HIM
20 CREDIT FOR SPEAKING TO ME. I WENT AND HAD A CONVERSATION WITH
21 DOMINIQUE RAVIDI, THE D.A. CHIEF INVESTIGATOR. HE SAID THAT HE
22 COULDN'T DO ANYTHING. SO PAST ALL OF THIS, I'VE BEEN BANNED
23 FROM THE FACILITIES, AND I'VE TAKEN IT. I EVEN WENT TO
24 WILLIAMS' ASSISTANT ON THE 12TH AND SAID THEY HAVE A MEETING.
25 I CAN'T PRONOUNCE YOUR LAST NAME, BUT WENT AND TALKED TO HIS



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1 ASSISTANT, MISS HORTON AND ASKED TO HAVE A MEETING WITH HIM.
2 THE PROBLEM IS I WENT TO THE COUNTY LIBRARIAN, MYRA TODD. HER
3 OFFICE LAUGHED AT ME. SHE SAID "OH YOU'RE THE TROUBLEMAKER."
4 SO I'VE DONE EVERYTHING THAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO. SO I TOOK THE
5 THING TO DAVID JANSSEN WHO IS NOT HERE. HE WAS THE ONLY PERSON
6 WHO BELIEVED IN ME. SO AS HE SAID, THE PROBLEM WITH THE COUNTY
7 IS THEY COVER EACH OTHER INSTEAD OF DOING THE RIGHT THING. SO
8 I WANT EVERYBODY HERE TO IMAGINE ON A DAILY BASIS FOR TWO
9 YEARS DOCUMENTED, I EVEN TOLD THE PEOPLE WE HAVE PEOPLE
10 WATCHING YOU. ONCE YOU PUT YOUR INVESTIGATORS ON AND
11 INVESTIGATE THIS, AS MISS MOLINA SAID, THE ACT WAS
12 DISGRACEFUL. ONCE ALL OF THIS COMES TO FRUITION, THAT WILL BE
13 PALE IN COMPARISON. I WILL SAY THIS IN FINALITY. YOU WILL NOT
14 CATCH ME IN ONE LIE. AND THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO UPSET YOU. THE
15 DAMAGES WERE DONE. I DID THE RIGHT THING OUT OF RESPECT TO
16 MISS BURKE WITH HER INTEGRITY. I DID EVERYTHING RIGHT.
17 EVERYONE DIDN'T DO NOTHING. AND THEN FOUND OUT THEY COULD HAVE
18 DONE SOMETHING. BUT BECAUSE THEY KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON, THEY
19 DIDN'T WANT, AS DAVID JANSSEN SAID, "WE COVER EACH OTHER." SO
20 I HAVE WITNESSES, CREDIBLE WITNESSES BEYOND A DOUBT, OVER 100
21 ACTS. AND THEN TO HAVE A SUPERVISOR TELL A LIE ON A FIVE-YEAR-
22 OLD KID. HOW LOW CAN YOU BE? IT'S UNBELIEVABLE. IT'S SADISTIC.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ABBY OVITSKY?

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1 **ABBY OVITSKY:** I GUESS IT'S AFTERNOON. GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M
2 HAPPY TO SEE THAT YOU HAVE THE CLOSED CAPTIONING THINGS HERE.
3 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT IN ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS, ESPECIALLY
4 THE COURTHOUSES.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS, WE HAVE TO HAVE THIS OTHER LADY
7 SIT DOWN. DIDN'T YOU ALREADY SPEAK?

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I WANT TO SPEAK FOR HIM. I WANT TO READ--

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU WANT TO SPEAK FOR MR. GARCIA? GO AHEAD.

12

13 **ABBY OVITSKY:** I WANTED TO START BY SAYING I'VE ALWAYS HAD A
14 GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. AND AS A SINGLE
15 MOTHER WITH A SOMEWHAT UNPREDICTABLE TEENAGE BOY, I NEVER KNOW
16 WHEN I MIGHT NEED THEIR HELP. SO I HAVE NOTHING BUT RESPECT
17 FOR L.A.P.D. AND ANY EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKER. I DON'T WANT
18 TO GET INTO DETAILS OF MY CASE, BUT ON JULY 10TH I HAD AN
19 ENCOUNTER WITH A POLICE THAT WAS LESS THAN PLEASANT, WHICH
20 COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED. AND WHAT'S RELEVANT HERE IS THAT IT
21 MAY NOT BE OBVIOUS, IT MAY NOT EVEN BE-- YOU MAY NOT EVEN
22 GUESS, I HAVE A SPEECH AND HEARING PROBLEM. I USE ASSISTIVE
23 TECHNOLOGY. I USE A SERVICE, A FREE SERVICE THAT'S BEEN AROUND
24 FOR 15 YEARS, CALLED LIVE OPERATOR ASSISTED RELAY. I WAS TOLD
25 THAT THE POLICE CANNOT RECEIVE THESE CALLS DIRECTLY, UNIFORMED



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1 POLICE CANNOT, SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE A CELL PHONE.
2 THE SERVICE IS THERE. IT'S PAID FOR BY TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS.
3 THEY CAN'T RECEIVE THE CALLS. THEY COME ON EMERGENCY CALLS.
4 IT'S NOT JUST THE POLICE. IT'S ANY COUNTY WORKER THAT'S
5 RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY, WHETHER IT'S A SOCIAL WORKER,
6 MENTAL HEALTH WORKER, FIRE DEPARTMENT WORKER, THEY DON'T KNOW
7 HOW TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PERSON WHO'S DEAF,
8 HEARING IMPAIRED AND CRAZY. AND THEY MAKE SNAP JUDGMENTS. THEY
9 MAKE THE WRONG ASSUMPTIONS AND THEY PUT THOSE ASSUMPTIONS AND
10 MISTAKEN FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS INTO THE REPORTS. SO WHAT I'M
11 SPEAKING TO THE BOARD ABOUT IS THE NEED FOR EDUCATING
12 EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKERS TO TEACH THEM THE DIFFERENCE
13 BETWEEN SOMEBODY WHO'S GOT A SPEECH AND HEARING PROBLEM AND
14 SOMEBODY WHO NEEDS EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. SOMEBODY
15 WHO IS HAVING TROUBLE TALKING AND NEEDS TO WRITE. THEY DON'T
16 DO THAT. THEY DON'T COMMUNICATE. WE LIVE IN A SOCIETY WHERE
17 IT'S VOICE AND SOUND ARE THE PRIMARY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION.
18 IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT EVERYBODY DOES. THERE'S MILLIONS OF DEAF
19 CITIZENS. AND THERE'S MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN BETWEEN SOMEWHERE.
20 MY HEARING GETS DISTORTED IF THERE'S BACKGROUND NOISE. IT'S
21 HARD TO TUNE THAT OUT. I WOULD JUST LIKE YOU TO GIVE THE
22 POLICE A LITTLE CARD WITH THE MIRANDA RIGHTS ON IT. I WOULD
23 LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING LIKE THAT EXPLAINING TO EMERGENCY
24 RESPONSE WORKERS HOW TO TALK TO SOMEBODY WHEN YOU'RE WALKING
25 INTO THEIR HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME UNINVITED WITHOUT A WARRANT



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1 AND THAT YOU HAVE TO SHOW I.D., THAT YOU HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT
2 LANGUAGE THEY SPEAK. IF THEY SPEAK ENGLISH, YOU HAVE TO FIND
3 OUT IF IT'S WRITTEN LANGUAGE OR SPOKEN LANGUAGE. AND NOT TO
4 MAKE ASSUMPTIONS BASED ON SOMEBODY'S ABILITY TO SPEAK OR NOT
5 SPEAK. THE CAPTIONING THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE. I WAS
6 ASKED TO PAY FOR IT MYSELF TO COMMUNICATE WITH SOCIAL SERVICES
7 AT A T.D.M. MEETING AND THAT MEETING STILL HAS NOT BEEN
8 SCHEDULED IN VIOLATION OF THEIR OWN POLICY BECAUSE THEY CAN'T
9 FIGURE OUT WHAT MY DISABILITY IS AND THEY DON'T WANT TO FIGURE
10 IT OUT.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DANIEL GARCIA AND
13 MORENA ESCOBAR? TAKE A SEAT THERE.

14

15 **DANIEL GARCIA:** I'M DANIEL GARCIA, AND SACHS WILL READ FOR ME.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I'M GOING TO READ A
18 LETTER. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TUESDAY
19 SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2008. THE COMMUNITY REHABILITATION SERVICES,
20 AN INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER THAT SERVES THE COMMUNITY OF EAST
21 LOS ANGELES AND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, HAS CONDUCTED THE PASS THE
22 BUDGET RALLY FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS. THIS RALLY WAS A DAILY
23 RALLY THAT WILL EDUCATE THE PEOPLE ABOUT THE STATE BUDGET AND
24 WHAT THE STATE BUDGET, OR LACK OF STATE BUDGET, IS DOING TO
25 OUR COMMUNITY. THE RALLY WAS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY UNTIL THE



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1 BUDGET WAS PASSED. THE DURATION OF THE RALLY WAS ONE HOUR FROM
2 8:30 A.M. TO 9:30 A.M. THE LOCATION OF THE RALLY WAS 4716
3 CESAR E. CHAVEZ AVENUE AT THE CORNER OF STREET AND CENTRAL
4 MARIBILIA. WE HAD BEEN THERE OUTSIDE WITH AND FOR THE
5 CONSUMERS WITH DISABILITIES WHO HAVE BEEN SUFFERING BECAUSE OF
6 BUDGET CUTS AND PROLONGATION OF THE BUDGET CRISIS.. COMMUNITY
7 REHABILITATION SERVICE HAS BEEN SERVING THE DISABLED COMMUNITY
8 OF EAST LOS ANGELES IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY FOR MORE THAN 30
9 YEARS. OUR CENTERS ARE LOCATED AT 4716 CESAR CHAVEZ AVENUE IN
10 EAST LOS ANGELES AND 844 EAST MISSION DRIVE, SUITES A AND B,
11 IN THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL. COMMUNITY REHABILITATION SERVICES
12 IS THE DISABILITIES LIFELINE FOR SERVICES THAT THE CALIFORNIA
13 TAXPAYERS SHOULD BE PROUD TO CONTRIBUTE TO. AMONG THE SERVICES
14 AT RISK BY THE PROLONGATION OF THE STATE BUDGET CRISIS WERE
15 THE FOLLOWING: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROVIDES THE DISABLED THE
16 OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THE RIGHT TOOLS FOR WORKING AT HOME TO
17 BECOMING A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY. BENEFITS. SERVICES
18 THAT PROVIDE INFORMATION, HELPING US TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY.
19 EMPLOYMENT. THESE SERVICES PROVIDE REHABILITATION FOR JOBS TO
20 PURSUE THE AMERICAN DREAM. HOUSING. INFORMATION GIVEN ON HOW
21 TO OBTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING. INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS. TEACH
22 PEOPLE HOW TO LIVE INDEPENDENT LIFESTYLES. PEER SUPPORT. A
23 SOCIAL NETWORK THAT EMPOWERS PEOPLE TO HELP EACH OTHER TO
24 BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT. THESE ARE SERVICES THAT ARE ESSENTIAL
25 FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY TO BE PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY



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1 IN WHICH THE CALIFORNIA STATE BUDGET CRISIS IS FORCING
2 COMMUNITY REHABILITATION SERVICES, AND OTHER INDEPENDENT
3 LIVING CENTERS AROUND THE STATE TO BE ELIMINATED. THIS WILL
4 CREATE A SOCIETY OF MORE DEPENDENCY FOR US. COMMUNITY
5 REHABILITATION SERVICES WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE AND WELCOME
6 JESS ARGUILO WHO IS OUR INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FROM
7 SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2008. I WILL ADD HERE THAT ON SEPTEMBER 15TH,
8 2008, COMMUNITY REHABILITATION SERVICES COLLABORATED WITH
9 OTHER INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE
10 IN GREAT DANGER TO HAVING SERVICES CUT FOR PEOPLE WITH
11 DISABILITIES. THE MARCH AND RALLY WAS CALLED THE PEOPLE
12 CONVENTION WHERE APPROXIMATELY 1,000 PEOPLE SHOWED UP AT THE
13 RONALD REAGAN BUILDING TO ASK THE GOVERNOR FOR THE STATE
14 BUDGET THAT HE WILL SIGN TODAY.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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18 **DANIEL GARCIA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO ASK FRANK AND DAMIEN GOODMON TO
21 COME FORWARD.

22

23 **SHIRLEY EDWARDS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
24 IS SHIRLEY EDWARDS, AND MY COLLEAGUE AND I ARE HERE TO SPEAK
25 TO THE CAREERS AND CHILDCARE TRAINING PROGRAM, WHICH IS



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1 CURRENTLY OPERATING IN 10 COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY. THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA
3 BIRTHED, AND IT IS IN JEOPARDY OF BEING TERMINATED EFFECTIVE
4 DECEMBER 31ST, 2008. THIS PROGRAM IS A VERY VITAL PROGRAM FOR
5 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE RECEIVING CAL-WORKS. IT PROVIDES THEM WITH
6 THE SKILLS AND THE TOOLS THAT THEY NEED TO BECOME ASSISTANT
7 TEACHERS, ASSOCIATE TEACHERS AND TEACHERS. AND WE HAVE
8 NUMEROUS STUDENTS WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH THE PROGRAMS AT THE
9 COLLEGES WHO HAVE RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES AND ALSO THEIR
10 PERMITS THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THEY HAVE
11 BECOME TEACHERS. THEY HAVE ALSO TRANSFERRED TO THE
12 UNIVERSITIES TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION. AND WITH THE NEWS
13 BEING BROUGHT TO US THAT THIS PROGRAM IS GOING TO BE
14 TERMINATED, WE WANTED TO COME TO YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE THE FINAL
15 AUTHORITY IN THAT REGARD TO REQUEST THAT THIS PROGRAM BE
16 CONTINUED AND NOT TERMINATED. WE HAVE INFORMATION, TESTIMONIES
17 FROM STUDENTS. WE HAVE THEM WITH US TO PRESENT TO YOU AND ALSO
18 LETTERS THAT MISS MORENA WILL TALK TO YOU ABOUT.

19

20 **MORENA ESCOBAR:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY
21 NAME IS MORENA ESCOBAR. AND I'M THE DIRECTORS FOR ONE OF THE
22 PROGRAMS AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, LOS ANGELES MISSION
23 COLLEGE. AND, YES, WE UNFORTUNATELY WE GOT THIS LETTER JUST
24 YESTERDAY. WE WERE AT A MEETING, THE 10 OF US, THE 10
25 DIRECTORS OF EACH COLLEGE WERE AT A MEETING, AND ONE OF THE



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1 ASSISTANTS CALLED THE DIRECTOR AND SAID THAT THEY GOT THIS
2 EMAIL IN ALL OF OUR MAILS. AND THEN WE IMMEDIATELY WE GOT
3 TOGETHER AND FIND OUT THAT TODAY IT WAS GOING TO BE THE BOARD
4 MEETING. AND WE WANTED TO COME AND TELL YOU THE TESTIMONIALS
5 AND THE SUCCESS STORIES OF SO MANY OF OUR STUDENTS. THEY HAVE
6 EXITED WELFARE NOW. THEY ARE CITIZENS, THEY ARE WORKING,
7 PRODUCTIVE. THEY ARE BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL, CONTINUING THEIR
8 EDUCATION. AND WE ARE HERE TO ASK YOU TO CONSIDER THIS PROGRAM
9 BECAUSE IT HAS COME TO HELP SO MANY FAMILIES IN THE L.A.
10 COUNTY THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE
11 HERE FOR. WE WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE YOU IMMEDIATELY WE ASK OUR
12 STUDENTS TO WRITE A LETTER. STUDENTS THEY HAVE THEIR
13 CERTIFICATES AND THEY HAVE GRADUATED FROM THE PROGRAM AND THEY
14 ARE WORKING. AND OUT OF WELFARE NOW. AND WE HAVE LETTERS AND
15 WE WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE IT WITH YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND WE'LL
18 HAVE SOMEONE FROM OUR OFFICE AS WELL.

19

20 **MORENA ESCOBAR:** EXCUSE ME. THE LETTER SAID THAT WE WERE GOING
21 TO BE CONTACTED BY OCTOBER THE SEVENTH.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS IT A BUDGET ISSUE? SO IT'S GOING TO BE BEFORE
24 US ON THE 7TH.

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1 **SHIRLEY EDWARDS:** YES. BUT WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER. AND
2 SINCE THIS IS YOUR BABY--

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. THE DEPARTMENT [INAUDIBLE].

5

6 **SHIRLEY EDWARDS:** WELL, KEEP US IN MIND. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE IN OUR OFFICE
9 WORKING ON IT, AS WELL. LINDA WILLIAMS DENT AND REVEREND
10 TILLMAN? YES, MR. GOODMON, STATE YOUR NAME.

11

12 **DAMIEN GOODMON :** CAN YOU HEAR ME? GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS,
13 MY NAME IS DAMIEN GOODMON, REPRESENTING THE 18 HOMEOWNERS'
14 GROUPS COALITIONS, BLOCK CLUBS THAT COMPRISE THE CITIZENS
15 CAMPAIGN TO FIX THE EXPO RAIL LINE. I COME, BECAUSE WE IN THE
16 FIX THE EXPO FAMILY HAVE CLOSELY FOLLOWED THE CATASTROPHIC
17 METROLINK ACCIDENT TRANSFER WITH DEEP PAIN AND WE CAN ONLY
18 OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE VICTIMS AND TO THEIR FAMILIES.
19 THE DECEASED WERE HUMAN BEINGS WHOM OTHER HUMAN BEINGS LOVED
20 AND FOUND NECESSARY. AN OP. ED. PUBLISHED FRIDAY IN THE DAILY
21 NEWS, WHICH YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU, WE CAUTION THAT SOLELY
22 FOCUSING ON THE ACTIONS OF THE TRAIN ENGINEER DISTRACTS US
23 FROM DISCUSSING OTHER CONTRIBUTING FACTORS IN THE EVENT, SUCH
24 AS THE TECHNOLOGY, AND BOARD POLICIES, OUR POLITICIANS, RAIL
25 SAFETY COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS. FOR THAT REASON, WE AT FIX EXPO



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1 APPLAUD SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WHO'S NOT HERE, FOR OFFERING
2 THE METROLINK SAFETY MOTION THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT
3 THURSDAY'S M.T.A. BOARD MEETING. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE
4 ISSUE OF RAIL SAFETY ON THE EXPO LIGHT RAIL LINE, CURRENTLY
5 UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING
6 WITH YOU, ON REQUESTING ADDITIONAL GRADE SEPARATIONS, LIFE
7 SAVING GRADE SEPARATIONS. TODAY WE RECEIVED NO SUPPORT FROM
8 EITHER OF YOU. WE'VE COME TO YOU WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
9 AND YOU REFUSED TO CHANGE COURSE. WE'VE COME TO YOU WITH THE
10 L.A.S.D. AND YOU'VE REFUSED TO CHANGE COURSE. WE'VE COME TO
11 YOU WITH THE U.T.L.A., THE PARENT COLLABORATIVE, THE
12 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS AND YOU REFUSE TO CHANGE COURSE. SO I
13 COME TODAY TO DELIVER TO YOU AN EXCERPT FROM THE TESTIMONY OF
14 A RAIL SAFETY EXPERT. ERSQUINE BEE IS THE INTERNATIONAL RAIL
15 SAFETY EXPERT WITH IMPECCABLE CREDIBILITY, A 1974 WEST POINT
16 GRADUATE. THE 22 YEARS AT THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY
17 BOARD, HE WAS THE INVESTIGATOR IN CHARGE AND/OR CHAIRMAN FOR
18 ALL LEVELS OF RAIL SAFETY ACCIDENTS, INCIDENTS AND DISASTERS.
19 HE'S AN ORIGINAL COLLABORATOR FOR MORE THAN 157 N.T.S.B.-
20 ADOPTED RECOMMENDATIONS. REGARDING THE FARMDALE CROSSING, HE
21 SAID, "THE CROSSING HAS A HIGH RISK OF CATASTROPHIC ACCIDENTS.
22 BY CATASTROPHIC ACCIDENT, I MEAN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING
23 FATALITIES AND/OR INJURIES TO A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE. AS
24 PROPOSED, THE AT-GRADE FARMDALE AVENUE CROSSING NOTABLE RISK
25 THAT A CATASTROPHIC ACCIDENT MAY WELL OCCUR UNDER ONE OF



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1 SEVERAL SCENARIOS. ONE INVOLVES A TRAIN GETTING HIT-- FORGIVE
2 ME-- A CAR GETTING HIT AND BEING LODGED INTO THE HOLDING AREA
3 WHERE HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS WOULD BE STANDING. ANOTHER INVOLVES
4 A CAR BEING HIT BY A TRAIN IN THE FUEL SPRAYING INTO THAT
5 HOLDING AREA. THE OTHER INVOLVES A COMBINATION OF THE TWO." IN
6 THE JANUARY L.A.C.D.B. ARTICLE SAYING WHY THE FARMDALE
7 CROSSING SHOULD BE BUILT AT STREET LEVEL. ZEV YAROSLAVSKY SAID
8 , "THE GOAL IS PRODUCE A PRODUCT THAT YOUR CRITICS WILL COME
9 BACK TO YOU AND SAY, 'YOU WERE RIGHT AND WE WERE WRONG.'" I
10 FIGHT, WE FIGHT IN FIX EXPO BECAUSE, SUPERVISOR, WE DON'T WANT
11 TO HEAR SAY TO US IN ONE YEAR, FIVE YEARS, 10 YEARS TO US THAT
12 THE RAIL SAFETY EXPERTS IN THE COMMUNITY WERE RIGHT AND WE
13 WERE WRONG. WE IMPORE YOU TO FIX THE EXPO. PREVENT TRAGEDIES
14 AND SAVE LIVES.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. REVEREND TILLMAN?

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18 **REV. C. TILLMAN:** THANK YOU. GREETINGS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
19 I'M APPEARING ONCE AGAIN ON BEHALF OF FARM FRESH RANCH MARKET
20 IN REFERENCE TO ITEM NUMBER 27 THAT YOU RULED ON ON SEPTEMBER
21 9TH. BACK IN 2000, THIS BOARD ADOPTED RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR
22 THE ELECTION OF THE ALTADENA REDEVELOPMENT BOARD KNOWN AS
23 PACK. AND IN THOSE RULES SECTION 600 IT STATED THE ELECTION
24 CERTIFICATION SHALL TAKE PLACE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE
25 ELECTION OF THE PACK. THE ELECTION ON THE PACK TOOK PLACE ON



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1 JULY 28TH. UNFORTUNATELY, IT DOESN'T TAKE A ROCKET SCIENTIST
2 TO FIGURE OUT 30 DAYS FROM JULY 28TH IS NOT SEPTEMBER THE
3 NINTH. IT'S AUGUST 27TH. SO WE'RE ASKING THAT YOU ASK COUNTY
4 COUNSEL TO GIVE YOU A COPY OF THOSE RULES AGAIN TO REFRESH
5 YOUR MEMORY AND ALSO ASK COUNTY COUNSEL TO EITHER MAKE A
6 RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND THOSE RULES OR SOMEHOW EXPLAIN WHY
7 THOSE RULES DO NOT SAY WHAT THEY SAY. IT SAYS 30 DAYS. AND
8 WE'RE NOT TRYING TO INSULT YOUR INTELLIGENCE OR BOMBARD YOU
9 WITH UNNECESSARY PUBLIC COMMENT, BUT WE CONTINUE TO IMPLORE
10 YOUR SENSE OF FAIRNESS AND EQUALITY AND DUE PROCESS TO OUR
11 ELECTIONS IN ALTADENA AND NOT TO INSULT THE CITIZENRY'S
12 UNDERSTANDING. SO WE FILED ONE OBJECTION ON AUGUST THE 12TH.
13 AS I UNDERSTAND IT, FROM TALKING TO C.D.C., THEY SAY THAT IT
14 SHOULD BE 30 DAYS FROM AUGUST THE 12TH, WHICH WOULD BE
15 SEPTEMBER THE 12TH, WHICH MAKES YOUR SEPTEMBER 9TH
16 CERTIFICATION VALID, BUT THE STATE HAS MANDATED RULES UNDER
17 THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE WHICH SAYS THAT IT SHOULD BE 30
18 DAYS FROM THE ELECTION. AND IT SAYS "SHALL." SO I DON'T KNOW
19 WHAT PART OF THAT COUNTY COUNSEL DOESN'T UNDERSTAND. BUT
20 "SHALL" USUALLY IN THE LEGAL FORMAT MEANS "SHALL." SO ONCE
21 AGAIN WE'RE JUST ASKING THAT YOU MAYBE EITHER AMEND YOUR RULES
22 SO YOU CAN PLAY BY THE SAME RULES THAT WE PLAY BY OR YOU
23 DECIDE THAT YOU'RE JUST GOING TO IGNORE THE RULES AND DO WHAT
24 YOU WANT TO DO. BUT WE'RE ASKING THAT YOU COMPLY WITH THE LAW
25 IN THAT REGARD. SECONDLY, IT SHOWS THE BIAS OF C.D.C. IN THE



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1 ELECTION PROCESS IF THEY WON'T EVEN FOLLOW THEIR OWN RULES.
2 AND IT ALSO SHOWS THE BIAS WHEN THEY ALLOW THE NEW MARKET TO
3 BYPASS ALL THE OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS AND REGIONAL
4 PLANNING FOR BANNERS WHEN FARM FRESH HAS COMPLIED WITH THOSE.
5 SO THESE ARE JUST EXAMPLES OF BEHAVIOR PATTERNS OF THE C.D.C.
6 OF BIAS. AND WE'RE SAYING THAT AT THAT BIAS WAS USED IN OUR
7 ELECTION FRAUD. AND ATTORNEY SUTTON SAID WE USED THE RULE OF
8 FIVE HERE, BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD MAKE AN EXCEPTION. THANK YOU
9 FOR YOUR TIME. THANK YOU, COUNTY COUNSEL, FOR YOUR
10 CONSIDERATIONS.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE NO CLOSED SESSION?

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THERE IS NO CLOSED SESSION. PLEASE BE
15 ADVISED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2008
16 MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELED. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE
17 BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 7TH, 2008.

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